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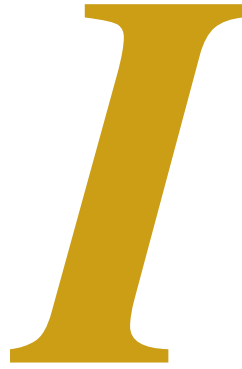
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Section I

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California State Grange 139th Annual Convention

October 12 - 16, 2011 • Palermo Grange

Wednesday, October 12 – Workshop Day

		12:00pm	<i>GWA Lunch</i>
		1:00pm	Reconvene
TBA	Legislative Committee Meetings		Nomination & Election of Officers
12:00pm	Welcome Lunch – Sponsored by CSG Master & Staff		Resolution Processing
1 pm – 4 pm	Early Bird Registration & Delegate Check-in	3:30pm	Break – 10 minutes
1 pm – 4 pm	Showcase Entries Receiving	5:30pm	Session Closes in the 4th Degree
1 pm – 4 pm	Workshops & Activities	6:00pm	Master's Banquet & Awards Ceremony
		7:30pm	Entertainment

Thursday, October 13 - 139th Session Opens

TBA	Legislative Committee Meetings
8:00am	Registration & Delegate Check-in Opens
8:30am	Budget Presentation
9:00am	Showcase Opens
9:00am	Session Opens in the 6th Degree
	Roll Call of Officers
	Session Lowers to the 4th Degree
	Introduction of Honored Guests
	Partial Credentials Report
	Approval of Standing Rules
	Approval of Schedule
	Approval of Executive Committee
	Minutes 2010 - 2011
	Approval of 2011 Budget
10:00am	Resolution Processing Instructions
	Required Constitutional Resolutions
	Resolution Processing
11:30am	Guest Speaker
	Recess
12:00pm	First Timers Lunch – CSG
1:00pm	Reconvene
	Directors' Reports
	Resolution Processing
3:30pm	Break – 10 minutes
5:30pm	Session Closes in the 4th Degree
6:00pm	Host Dinner – Butte County Pomona
7:00pm	Showcase – A Celebration of Grange
	Artisans

Friday, October 14 – GWA Day

8:00am	Registration & Delegate Check-in Opens
9:00am	Session Opens in the 4th Degree
	Officers roll call
	Reading of the Journal of Previous Day
	Partial Credential Report
9:30am	Resolution Processing
10:30am	Master's Address
11:15am	GWA March
	GWA Director's Report
	Recess

Saturday, October 15 – Heritage Day

8:00am	Registration Opens
9:00am	Session Opens in the 4th Degree - Youth & Junior Team
	Officers roll call
	Reading of the Journal of Previous Day
	Final Credential Report
	Nominations & Elections of Officers
	Resolution Processing
	Recess
	Heritage Lunch
	Reconvene
	Nominations & Elections of Officers
	Resolution Processing
	Break – 10 minutes
	Session Closes in the 4th Degree
	Youth & Junior BBQ Dinner
	Lecturer's Talent Show

Sunday, October 16 – Closing Day

9:00am	Memorial Service and Veterans' Ceremony
10:00am	Installation of Officers
	Showcase Entries Released
11:00am	Session Opens in the 4th Degree
	Officers Roll Call
	Reading of the Journal of the previous day
	Session Raises to the 5th Degree
	Exemplification of the 5th Degree
	Recess
	Box Lunch
	Reconvene
	Session Raises to the 6th Degree
	Exemplification of the 6th Degree & Rose Drill
	Session Lowers to the 4th Degree
	Resolution of Appreciation
	Closing of the Annual Session in the 4th Degree

California State Grange Committee and Program Chairs 2011

Convention Committees

Fifth Degree.....	Tifany Leigh-Logan, Mendocino Co
Sixth Degree	Bob McFarland, El Dorado Co
Convention First Aiders	Dale Baker, Ed Parker, Sacramento Co
Credentials	Amy Self, Sacramento Co
Decorations	Butte County Pomona
Degree Staging	Darlene Wingfield, Kern Co
Elections	Frank Nichols, Yolo Co
Showcase.....	Alicia Nieves, Sacramento Co
Installation of Officers	Joseph Stefenoni, Sonoma Co
Production.....	Jay Hartz, Sacramento Co
Session Projectionist.....	Leslie S Parker, Sacramento Co
Registration	Amy Self, Sacramento Co
Youth Team Opening	Erica Bruce, Mendocino Co

Resolution Committees

Agriculture.....	Cass Mutters, Chair; Butte Co
Communities	Marian Nichols, Chair; Yolo Co
Conservation and Energy.....	Jan Saxton, Chair; Monterey Co.
Government	Lanny Cotler, Chair; Medocino Co
Health, Education and Welfare.....	Patty Allen, Chair; Sonoma Co
Grange Law.....	Bill Thomas, Chair; Sacramento Co
Science and Technology	Jeremy Heckman, Chair; Butte Co
Water.....	Cheri Bunker, Chair; Butte Co

California State Grange

Session Rules 2011

The Standing Rules will apply only to the 139th Annual Membership Meeting of the California State Grange, Palermo, California, 2011. (References: National Grange Digest of Laws, Chapter 13, and Robert's Rules of Order, Chapter XIX, Section 58.)

REGISTRATION FEE WAIVER: The Registration Fee shall be waived for Junior Grangers and those invited guests approved by the Master and Executive Committee.

BADGES: No one will be admitted to the meeting without a badge which signifies their registration fee has been paid (except as noted above).

DELEGATE REGISTRATION: Closing date and time for "Delegate Registration" shall be at 12:00 PM, Saturday, October 15, 2011. Any late registrant shall have the approval of the State Master.

RESOLUTIONS:

Deadline: The last date for the acceptance of properly submitted resolutions shall be September 1st and late resolutions shall only processed if the Committee Chairman accepts them.

Committee Make-up: Each committee shall have a Chairperson.

Committee Meetings: Committees shall not convene while the meeting is "In Session" and their schedule will be posted in a convenient location.

Committee Processing: With notification to a Delegate of the sponsoring Grange of origin (unless they are not represented at the Annual Meeting) the committees may request a resolution to be withdrawn, return it for clarification, or reject a resolution, if the resolution:

- a) is not State-wide and/or National in scope,
- b) restates current policy,
- c) is substantially the same as a resolution already acted upon by the Delegate Body within the past two years,
- d) is poorly written and/or does not clearly communicate the resolve(s),
- e) covers several subjects and/or has too many resolves,
- f) changes current policy, unless they clearly state the intent is to change current policy,
- g) lacks merit or significance,
- h) is outside the scope of the work of the Grange.

Consent Calendar: All returned or rejected resolutions will be listed on a "Committee Consent Calendar" and reported to the delegates during the meeting.

Overriding Committee Action: Any Delegate may bring a returned or rejected resolution onto the floor by the passage of a motion.

Committee Presentation: In presenting the resolution on the Session floor, the Committee spokesman will only read the "Resolved" portion of the resolution, and then state the Committee's action. If the Committees recommendation is to reject the resolution, the Committee Spokesman will briefly explain the reason for the Committee's action.

Amendments to Resolutions: All motions to amend resolutions which are excessively long, shall be presented in writing to the Secretary's Station so as to be properly entered into the minutes.

Re-Written Resolution Introduction: A vote shall not be taken on a resolution unless it has been in the delegates' hands at least two (2) hours.

Combining C&BL Resolutions: Constitutional Resolutions shall not be combined in Committee (SG-36-82)

FLOOR DEBATE: Shall be limited to two (2) minutes per delegate on any given question. Only the maker of a motion may speak twice.

OFFICER & DIRECTOR REPORTS: Any written reports from Officers and Directors shall be submitted to the Secretary's Station prior to the close of the first day of session (if they have not sent them to the State Office prior to Annual Meeting) for inclusion in the Journal of Proceedings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Executive Committee shall have the authority to approve the minutes of the final day of session.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SITE VOTING: The place of meeting will be determined by a majority vote of the Delegate body at least one or two years in advance. The vote will be taken from the floor (09-031).

FRAGRANCES: Please refrain from wearing perfumes, after shaves or other fragrances during the session or at any of the functions. Some of our members have allergies and it is everyone's desire to have an enjoyable meeting. (Floor Motion - 2007)

**California State Grange
139th Annual Membership Convention
Thursday, October 13, 2011**

The officers of the 139th California State Grange were introduced and rapped up. The Officers marched to their respective chairs and Master Robert McFarland called the meeting to order at 9:00AM, in the 6th Degree. All members present were authorized to be in the meeting. The CSG Master lowered the meeting to the 4th Degree.

Roll call of officers showed all present with the exception of the following pro tem officers: Lady Assistant Steward Katie Squire, Flora Lola Adamczak, Pomona Darlene Wingfield. Ryan Schlager was absent.

Master McFarland asked that the honored guests brought to the Master's Station. The Assistant Stewards escorted Past Master & former 1st Lady Leo & Kathy Bergeron, former 1st Lady Martha Stefenoni, and Past Master Bill Booth forward.

Mike Byers & BJ Fitzpatrick approached the Master's station, with Dale Baker to explain the G.R.E.A.T. Program (Grange Relief Emergency Action Team). They presented a check for \$200.00 for the program.

Partial credential report results: there are 13 Pomona Granges with 21 delegates, and 49 subordinate Granges with 81 delegates.

Darlene Wingfield moved to accept the Standing Rules as presented. There was a second by Bob Alvarez.

Joseph Stefenoni moved to amend the motion to say the closing date and time for "Delegate Registration" shall be at 12:00PM, Friday October 14, 2011. Any late registrants shall have a majority approval of the Delegate Body. The motion was seconded. The amendment was defeated 41-46. The original motion passed.

Cheri Bunker moved to adopt the Schedule as presented. There was a second by Bob Alvarez. A friendly amendment was offered by Kathy Bergeron to have a Final Credential report Friday morning and an amended report later if needed. The motion as amended passed.

Joseph Stefenoni moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings. A second was made by Tom Sawyer. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Cheri Bunker moved to adopt the proposed 2012 Budget as presented. A second was made by Dale Baker. The motion passed.

Master McFarland gave a briefing on resolution processing. And the day began.

Cheri Bunker gave the final report of the California State Grange Water Committee. There were no resolutions for the committee. She thanked the committee for their service on the committee.

Patty Allen reported on the resolutions for the Health, Education & Welfare Committee.

11-007 Health Care for All.

Committee reported unfavorable as it was already policy. The delegates approved the committee's report and the resolution was rejected.

11-008 Mental Health Treatment on an Involuntary Basis.

Committee reported unfavorable as it was already policy. The delegates approved the committee's report and the resolution was rejected.

11-019 DUI Three Strikes Law

Committee reported unfavorable. The delegates approved the committee's report and the resolution was rejected.

11-021 Ban on BPA Sales Receipts.

Resolved that the California State and the National support efforts to eliminate thermal paper receipts that contain BPA from use in the United States. The committee found favorable as amended. The delegates adopted the committee's recommendations.

11-025 School Time

The committee's recommendations was unfavorable and the delegates adopted the recommendations and rejected the resolution.

Cass Mutters, Chairman of the Ag committee stepped up to do his resolutions.

11-020, 11-029, 11-038 Bee Colony Collapse Disorder. Combined all three into one resolution. Returned to committee.

Green Valley Theater Company gave a presentation of the progress of the Performing Arts Center being established in the GBO Building on the Grange Triangle in Sacramento.

Recess for lunch.

Reconvened from Lunch. The Worthy Master introduced Damian Parr, PhD and his panel to talk about the Proposal of a CSG Ag School. A hand out was distributed. Discussion.

A motion by Dale Baker to have a study done by the Ag School Committee and leave the funding to the CSG EC when that program comes in and can be looked at after fully developed. Seconded by Joseph Stefenoni. Discussion.

A motion by Katie Squire to amend the motion to put in a dollar limit "of not more than \$100,000" seconded by Marian. Discussion. Motion lost.

Original motion on the floor. Previous question called by Walter Schnitzius. Seconded by many. Motion carried. Original motion was voted on and carried. Thanks was extended to the Ag School Committee by the Worthy Master.

A motion by Walter Schnitzius to have at least three members of the Grange be on the Board of Directors for the Ag School listed on the back of the handout. Seconded by numerous. Discussion. Motion Carried.

Hank Strock volunteered and challenged everyone to donate and he would kick in the first \$10 check right now. A round of applause broke out.

Mike Greene, Legislative Director, was introduced by Master McFarland. His report is in the delegate packets. One addition is the outcome of SB 676, went to the Governor's desk and was vetoed. **A motion by Joseph Stefenoni to accept the Director's report and printed in the Journal. A second was made by Darlene Wingfield. Motion was carried.**

Marion Nichols, the Communities Chair introduced the resolutions for her committee.

11-011 The Grange at All Levels Support Voluntary Price Controls. The committee found unfavorable, delegates adopted the recommendations and the motion was rejected.

11-012 Prevent Closure of Rural Post Offices. This is already policy and the committee's report was unfavorable. The delegates adopted and the resolution was rejected.

Marian gave final report, thanked the staff at the CSG office and committee members, Takashi Yogi, Byron Green, Trudie Martin, Lucette Moramarco, and Bill Allen. **Darlene Wingfield moved to approve and publish the final report. There was a 2nd. Motion was carried.**

A motion by Rich Saxe, that all Grangers will credentials who have applied for delegate status to the 139th Convention be accepted by delegate body as such. Seconded by Cheri Bunker. Discussion. Rich called for the previous question, Charley seconded, Motion carried. The original motion on the floor. Motion carried.

Recess was called at 3:41 PM.

Reconvened at 4:02 PM.

The Worthy Lecturer called for a song "*It's a Good Thing to Be a Granger*".

Lanny Cottler the chairman of the Government committee came forward.

11-005 Keep Daylight Savings Time Year Round.

Committee's report is favorable and the delegates passed the resolution.

11-006 Replace the Internal Revenue Service with Flat Tax.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

11-009 Divide California Into Two States.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

11-013 Public Employee Retirement.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

11-014 Funding New Laws.

Committee's report favorable as amended. *Resolved that the CSG and NG urge our Legislators to pass no unfunded mandates.* The resolution was adopted as amended.

11-015 Balanced State Budget.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

11-016 New Referendums.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

11-017 Guest Drivers License

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

11-018 Support Electoral College.

The committee had no recommendations. The delegates rejected this resolution.

11-043 Return The Congress To The People.

The Committee's recommendation is favorable. The delegates adopted the resolution.

11-047 Prop. 13 Test For Laws.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

Bill Thomas the Grange Law Chairman brought his resolutions before the delegates.

11-001 was withdrawn by the maker.

11-002 Retaining CSG Solvency.

Committee's recommendation is favorable. The delegates adopted the resolution.

11-003 Eliminate Grange Month Freebies.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

11-010 Extend the Resolution Deadline to September First.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

11-022 Right to Use Grange Trademarks.

Postponed indefinitely.

11-032 National Convention Assessment Tax

The committee's favorable report after amendment. *Resolved that the National Grange Convention assessment be reduced to \$1.00 per member up 5,000 max., per State.* The delegates agreed and adopted the resolution.

11-033 National Grange Fees for Grange Month.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates disagreed and adopted the resolution.

11-034 Executive Committee's Minutes in the Grange News.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates disagreed and adopted the resolution.

11-035 CSG Officer Term Limits Withdrawn by maker.

11-036 CSG Fund-raising.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

11-037 Sale of Grange Property.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

11-039 The Purpose of Dues.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

11-046 State Meeting Change Study.

Committee's report is unfavorable and the delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

5:05 Past Master Randy Lewis and Past 1st Lady Linda Lewis were escorted to the podium and introduced.

Orders of the day were called at 5:35 pm. Adjourned 5:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cheri Bunker
Secretary

Amendment to the day's proceedings.

The Host Dinner was held by Butte County Pomona Grange. The meal was prepared and served by the Oroville Union High School Culinary Program students and Grange volunteers.

Afterwards, the Showcase of Grange Artisans and Country Fair contests were held. Winners were: Pomona Pie Eating: Sharon Taylor (Sacramento Co), Pickles: BJ Fitzpatrick (Humboldt Co) and Pumpkin Carving: Sharon Taylor (Sacramento Co), Hog Calling: Cornelius O'Quinn (El Dorado Co), From the Farm: Sharon Taylor (Sacramento Co)

California State Grange
139th Annual Membership Convention
Friday, October 14, 2011

The second day of the 139th Annual Membership Convention was called to order at 9:07 AM in the 4th Degree by Master Bob McFarland. Prayer was led by Chaplain Barbara Geiger. The Grange Salutation and the pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America were performed.

Roll call of officers showed all officers present except for the following pro-tem officers: Assistant Steward Brandon Nebitt; Lady Assistant Steward Katie Squire; Flora Lola Adamczak; Pomona Darlene Wingfield. Ryan Schlagel still absent.

Bill Thomas gave a final report for the Grange Law Committee.

Darlene Wingfield moved to accept and add the report to the Journal of Proceedings. Joseph Stefenoni seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Annie Waters took a moment of personal time to advise the lecturers that she has copies of the plays she has written about the Grange History.

Final Credential Report: 16 Pomonas with 28 delegates, 66 subordinates with 115 delegates.

Patty Allen gave the final report for the Health, Education and Welfare Committee.

Thanks to Dolores Larrigan, Linda MacCracken, and Beth Lewis

Resolutions

- 11-007 – Health Care unfavorable, already law
- 11-008 – Mental Health unfavorable, already policy
- 11-019 – DUI 3 Strikes unfavorable, already law
- 11-021 – Ban on BPA favorable as amended
- 11-025 – 45/15 School Time unfavorable
- 11-052 – National Health for All, withdrawn.

A motion made by Barbara Geiger to approve and print the report. The motion was seconded and

passed.

Joseph Stefenoni was asked to give the Science and Technology committee report. No resolutions. Advised that Steve Jobs passed away. Thanked all committee members.

Jan Saxton Conservation and Environment presented her committee's resolutions.

11-004 Eliminate All Catch & Release Streams.

Committee's report is unfavorable as it is already policy. The delegates agreed and rejected the resolution.

11-051 Labeling Genetically Modified Food.

Committee's recommendation was favorable as amended. The last two "resolves" were deleted. The members agreed and adopted the resolution.

11-045 Supporting Production and Use of Biochar. Requested reading tomorrow after biochar presentation.

Master McFarland gave a moving Master's address. **A motion by Pat Dahms to accept and print. It was seconded many times. The motion was carried.** Printed copies were requested and will be made available.

Recess at 10:52 AM.

Reconvened at 11:15AM.

Master McFarland asked the Assistant Stewards to escort State GWA Director Betty Eyler to the Master's Station. Sister Eyler gave her Director's report.

11:25AM a recess was called to do the Women's March. They made \$870.00. The ladies gave Master Bob & 1st Lady Wendy a beautiful blue & green handmade quilt.

11:40AM the meeting reconvened.

Marilyn Hicks of Lake County Pomona Grange asked for personal time. She approached the Master's station and presented him with a gavel that belonged to one of the first CSG Masters John Hamilton. It was in a lovely shadowbox and will be presented in the Heritage Room Museum.

Leo Bergeron took a personal moment to introduce Linda Helm and Wayne Cabler of Oregon. They were brought to the Master's station and said a few words.

Cass Mutters chairman of the Ag committee presented resolutions.

11-054 Food Sovereignty Resolution

The committee's recommendation was favorable as amended: **Resolved** *the California State Grange and National Grange actively promote legislation to enact a Food Sovereignty Bill that would allow producers or processors of local food exemption from licensure and inspection provided that the transaction is only between the producer or processor and a patron when the food is sold for home consumption. This includes any producer or processor who sells his or her products at roadside farm stand; sells his or her products through farm-based sales directly to a patron, or delivers his or her products directly to patrons. And be it further Resolved that a producer is any farmer or gardener who grows any plant or animal for food or drink; a processor is any individual who processes or prepares products of the soil or animals for food or drink; a patron is an individual who is the last person to purchase any product or preparation directly from a processor or producer who does not resell the product or preparation. And be it further*

Resolved *that the CSG and NG call upon the legislature to adopt a bill ensuring the protection of these rights and, specifically, the right of the owner or partial owner of an animal to the products of that animal, including milk and meat without the oversight or interference of the USDA, CA. Dept of Food and Agriculture and local agencies.*

This resolution combines 11-024, 11-042, 11-044 and 11-050.

The delegates agreed and adopted the resolution as amended.

Recessed for lunch at 12:10PM.

Reconvened from lunch at 1:25PM.

Buzz Chernoff took personal privilege to announce that he would not be running for re-election as the CSG Lecturer.

The Worthy Master had appointed Frank Nichols as Chairman of the Election Committee prior to convention and directed him to select his committee.

Master McFarland announced elections of officers would take place.

Nominations for Master:

Bob McFarland

Martha Stefenoni (declined)

Ballots were passed out, then collected by the deputies and turned over to the election committee.

Brother Tom McKern with Grange Insurance Association was escorted to the Master's station and spoke.

The amended final credential report was given: 17 Pomona Granges with 29 delegates, 71 subordinate Granges with 127 delegates. A total of 156 delegates.

Erica Bruce from Little Lake Grange gave a presentation for next year's convention site: Willits **A motion was made by Dolores Larrigan to hold next year's convention in Willits. The motion was seconded and passed overwhelmingly.**

Election Results

Bob McFarland 116

Martha Stefenoni 19

Shirley Baker 2

Leo Bergeron 1

Cyndee Logan 1

Jack Eyler 1

Blank 5

Randy Lewis 2

Leslie Parker 1

No One 1

Bob McFarland was re-elected as CSG President.

Master Bob opened nominations for Overseer:

Bill Thomas

Martha Stefenoni

Cheri Bunker

All accepted, introduced themselves briefly and ballots were passed out, then collected by the deputies and turned over to the election committee.

Cheri Bunker moved to clean the CSG sashes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jeremy and Katie Heckman arrived and took places as Assistant and Lady Assistant Stewards.

Elections results for Overseer:

Martha Stefenoni 66

Cheri Bunker 54

Bill Thomas 25

Martha Stewart 1

Runoff between Martha & Cheri.

Martha Stefenoni 75

Cheri Bunker 65
Blank 1
Bill Thomas 2
Martha Stewart 1

Martha Stefenoni was elected as Overseer

Nominations for 1 year Executive Committee

Buzz Chernoff
Leo Bergeron (declined)
Linda MacCracken (two from the same county; not eligible)
Dick Dahms (declined)

All accepted, introduced themselves briefly and ballots were passed out, then collected by the deputies and turned over to the election committee.

Election results:

Buzz Chernoff 117
Leo Bergeron 2
Dick Dahms 3
Donald Duck 1
Bill Thomas 2
Yvette Adams 1
Harold Shimmer 3
Linda MacCracken 2
Randy Lewis 1
Blank 3
Bill Allen 1
Rick Keel 1

Buzz Chernoff was elected as 1 year Executive Committee.

Nominations for 3 Year Executive Committee member :

Damian Parr
Leo T. Bergeron

All accepted, introduced themselves briefly and ballots were passed out, then collected by the deputies and turned over to the election committee.

Results of EC 3 year:

Damian Parr 79
Leo Bergeron 56

Damian Parr has been elected 3 year Executive committee member.

Nominations for 3 year Executive Committee :

Jon Luvaas
Randy Lewis (declined)
Leo Bergeron (declined)
Katie Squire
Cyndee Logan

All accepted, introduced themselves briefly and ballots were passed out, then collected by the deputies and turned over to the election committee.

Results:

Jon Luvaas 88
Leo Bergeron 1
Katie Squire 25

Cyndee Logan 23

Jon Luvaas has been elected as 3 year Executive Committee member.

Meeting recessed.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheri Bunker
California State Grange

Amendment to the day's proceedings.

The Master's Banquet was prepared and served by the Oroville Union High School Culinary Program students and Grange volunteers.

Afterwards, the Annual Awards Ceremony was held.

Community Service Award - Orangevale Grange #354
Fellowship Award - Linda MacCracken (Rio Linda Grange)
Granger of the Year - Lester Rougeot (El Paso de Robles Grange)
Lifetime Achievement Award - Jay Hartz (Elk Grove Grange)
Leadership Award - Richard Jones (Elbow Creek Grange)
Heritage Award - Humboldt-Del Norte Pomona Grange #19
Youth Achievement Medallions
 Johannah Fernandes (Rubidoux Grange)
 Angelina Tracy (Rubidoux Grange)
 Ashley Waugh (Los Alamos Valley Grange)
 Bailey Gruber (Elbow Creek Grange)
 Courtney Russell (Elbow Creek Grange)

Following the award presentations, members participated in an enjoyable evening of Karaoke.

California State Grange
Special Meeting
Friday, October 14, 2011

The meeting was called order by CSG Master Bob McFarland in proper form in the 4th Degree at 7:18PM.

The meeting was raised to the 6th Degree, and Damian Parr was initiated as a 6th Degree member.
Lee Geiger installed Damian Parr as a 3 year Executive Committee member.

Meeting was closed at 7:35PM.

Submitted by,
Cheri Bunker

California State Grange
139th Annual Membership Convention
Saturday, October 15, 2011

The 3rd day of the 139th Annual State Grange Convention opened with a march by the State Youth/Junior

Grange officers who were introduced by National Grange Youth Mentor Joseph Stefenoni. Youth Master Tiffany Leigh-Logan introduced the honored guests. California State Grange Master and 1st Lady Bob & Wendy McFarland, National Grange Deputy and Pomona, Past CSG Master & 1st Lady Randy & Linda Lewis, Past CSG 1st Lady Martha Stefenoni, Past CSG Master & 1st Lady Leo & Kathy Bergeron and Past Master & 1st Lady Bill & Lillian Booth. Each spoke and congratulated the youth on the great job they did for the opening.

Roll call of officers shows all officers from both the Youth and CSG were present except for the following pro-tem LAS Katie Heckman, Flora Lola Adamczak, Pomona Darlene Wingfield, Musician Lillian Booth.

Meeting was recessed at 9:25 AM for an EC meeting.

Meeting was reconvened at 10:27AM.

Master McFarland advised that the motion made by Rich Saxe on Oct.13, 2011, may not have been appropriate. However, this would not change any votes that have been taken thus far.

Master McFarland opened up nominations for the office of Lecturer:

Katie Squire

BJ Fitzpatrick

Annie Waters (declined).

Both accepted, introduced themselves briefly and ballots were passed out, collected by the deputies and turned over to the election committee.

Minutes from the 1st day of the Convention were read. **A motion made by Joseph Stefenoni to approve with the appropriate corrections. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Results of the election for Lecturer:

Katie Squire 54

BJ Fitzpatrick 71

BJ Fitzpatrick has been elected as CSG Lecturer.

Joseph Stefenoni advised he was going out of state for college and would not be available to take an office.

Nominations for Steward:

Brandon Nebitt

Bill Thomas

Both accepted, introduced themselves briefly and ballots were passed out, collected by the deputies and turned over to the election committee.

A motion was made by Charley Betschart to recast for the office of Steward due to late nomination and some folks had already turned in their ballots. Cheri Bunker seconded the motion. The motion was carried 61-29.

Election results:

Bill Thomas 51

Brandon Nebitt 46

Bill Thomas has been elected as Steward.

The minutes from the previous day were read. **A motion made by Bill Thomas to approve the minutes as corrected. A second was made and the minutes were approved as corrected.**

Minutes for a special meeting on 10/14/2011 were read. Newly elected EC member Damian Parr was brought into the 6th Degree and installed into his position.

Randy Lewis advised it was inappropriate to have the meeting without the full exemplification of the 6th Degree. Great amount of discussion.

A motion made by Inger Bevans to have the full 6th degree in Monterey or Santa Cruz County with a 30

day notice to the Granges. Motion was seconded. More discussion. More discussion. Shirley Baker called for the previous question. Motion was seconded and passed. Original motion is on the floor. Motion passed.

Buzz Chernoff had a moment of personal time and left.

Master Bob called for a lunch recess.

Returned from lunch at 1:16PM.

Buzz returned.

Appreciation for the lunch crew from Oroville Union High School Culinary Program was given. They, and all the extra help they have received from our members, like Amy Self, Liz Reynolds, Al & Vera Roth, Bill & Detty Morris, received a long standing ovation from the delegation.

Elections Results for Assistant Steward.

Jeremy Heckman 61

Brandon Nebitt 65

Brandon Nebitt was elected as Assistant Steward.

Randy Lewis addressed the delegation.

Jon Luvaas addressed the delegation.

Nominations for Lady Assistant Steward.:

Katie Heckman (declined)

Dolores Larrigan

Miranda Moog

Both accepted, introduced themselves briefly and ballots were passed out, collected by the deputies and turned over to the election committee.

Master Bob read a letter from National Grange Master Ed Luttrell. **A motion was made by Joseph Stefenoni and was seconded to accept and print the letter in the Journal. Motion was approved.**

Jan Saxton gave final report for the Conservation & Energy Committee.

4 resolutions, 3 adopted as amended, 1 unfavorable rejection.

Thank you to the members Bob Pinney, Buzz Chernoff, Richard Jergenson

Barbara Geiger moved to accept and print in the journal. Many seconds. Motion approved.

The results for the election for Lady Assistant Steward:

Dolores Larrigan 61

Miranda Moog 62

63 votes are needed to elect. Runoff election needed.

Ballots were passed out for a runoff between Miranda Moog & Dolores Larrigan. Deputies collected ballots and they were turned over to the election committee.

Award for Communiy Service was given to Orangevale Grange #354.

The Lifetime Achievement award was presented to Jay Hartz. The GWA presented him with a lovely quilt.

Lanny Cottler gave the final report for the Government committee.

14 resolutions with 12 considered. 5 were approved and 7 were rejected. A thank you to the committee of Buzz Chernoff, Frank Nichols, Jay Hartz, Yannick Phillips, Michael Foley, Dwight Winegar and Nick Giroux.

A motion by Dick Dahms was made to accept and print the report in the Journal. Barbara Geiger seconded it. The motion was approved.

Final results for the Lady Assistant Steward

Dolores Larrigan 52

Miranda Moog 64

Miranda Moog has been elected as Lady Assistant Steward.

Nominations for Chaplain

Barbara Geiger

Annie Waters

All accepted, introduced themselves briefly and ballots were handed out to the delegates. The ballots were collected by the deputies and turned over to election committee.

Katie Squire took a moment of personal time to thank the Orangevale Grange for the dictionaries they donate to the Tamarack Elementary School, where she teaches.

A motion was made by Cheri Bunker to extend the Annual Dues resolution until the problems that exist within current system can be resolved. Committee to consist of Cheri Bunker, Leslie Parker, Randy Lewis, Bill & Lillian Booth, Kathy Bergeron, Amy Self, Katie Squire, Marian Nichols, and Bob McFarland. The motion was seconded and carried.

Cheri Bunker took a personal moment to present Master Bob with a goodie bag that includes redneck crystal.

Richard Roth took a personal moment to read a resolution about the 8th Degree. **A motion made by Cheri Bunker to include this in the Journal. There was a second made and the motion was carried.**

CSG Treasurer Marian Nichols gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by **Cheri Bunker to add the Treasurer's report to the Journal. Several seconds were made and the motion was carried.**

A motion was made by Leroy Squire to have an abbreviated version of the installation and a regular one later. There was a second and the motion carried.

Results for Chaplain

Barbara Geiger 65

Annie Waters 53

Barbara Geiger has been elected as Chaplain.

Nominations for Treasurer.

Marian Nichols

She accepted, introduced herself briefly and ballots were passed out to the delegates. The ballots were collected by the deputies and given to the election committee. Frank Nichols recused himself from the election committee for the election of the Treasurer since his wife is a candidate. Dolores Larrigan took the lead for this round

Several members spoke to the delegation.

Rick Keel presented a video clip movie of the State Grange's past year accompanied by the music "*I Feel Good*". He also presented pictures provided by Hessel Grange and Sonoma Valley Grange in regards to their Halls and improvements.

The Grange Relief Emergency Action Team (GREAT) presented brochures to the membership and showed a short power point on how the GREAT program was started and what Granger's can do to assist other Granger's in need.

Election results for the Treasurer:

Marian Nichols 114

C-wife 1

Linda MacCracken 1

Marian Nichols has been elected as Treasurer.

Nominations for Secretary:

Leslie Parker

Cheri Bunker

Both accepted, introduced themselves briefly and ballots were passed out, collected by the deputies and turned over to the election committee.

BJ Fitzpatrick asked for a personal moment, She invited everyone up to the Dows Prairie Grange for their Murder Mystery dinner On Dec. 10th. More info on www.dowspairiegrange.org.

Results for the Secretary:

Leslie Parker 77

Cheri Bunker 42

Chery Parker 1

Leslie Parker has been elected as Secretary.

Nominations for Gatekeeper:

Bob Alvarez

He accepted, introduced himself briefly and ballots were handed out to the delegates. The deputies collected the ballots and passed them over to the election committee.

Pyramid Michael Walton took a personal moment.

Wild bidding occurred for the aprons.

Results for the Gatekeeper.

Bob Alvarez 90

Lee Geiger 1

Jeremy Heckman 4

Rick Keel 1

Blank 2

Bob Alvarez has been elected as Gatekeeper.

Nominations for Ceres:

Tifany Leigh-Logan

Alicia Nieves

Nancy Alvarez

All accepted, introduced themselves briefly and ballots were handed out to the delegates. The deputies collected the ballots and passed them over to the election committee.

The Ag committee had one final resolution.

#11-040R Animal Ownership Support. The committee's recommendation was favorable as presented. The delegates agreed and adopted the resolution.

Resolutions are completed.

Election results for Ceres.

Tifany Leigh-Logan 32

Alicia Nieves 39

Nancy Alvarez 42

Runoff between Nancy Alvarez and Alicia Nieves. Ballots were handed out to the delegates. The deputies collected the ballots and passed them over to the election committee.

A motion made by Sharon Taylor that the Master and the Executive Committee work with Colleges and Universities in California to establish Student Granges to promote the growth of Grange membership. A second was made by Joseph Stefenoni and the motion carried.

Several members got up to address the delegates.

Runoff election results:

Alicia Nieves 62

Nancy Alvarez 50

Alicia Nieves has been elected as Ceres.

Nominations for Flora

Susan Megeath
Lola Adamczak
Tiffany Leigh-Logan

All accepted, introduced themselves briefly and ballots were handed out to the delegates. The deputies collected the ballots and passed them over to the election committee.

A motion made by Sharon Taylor that all items submitted to Showcase after registration date, are eligible for display only, but not for competition judging. Several seconds were made and the motion carried.

Election results for Flora:

Tiffany Leigh-Logan 47
Lola Adamczak 39
Susan Megeath 20

Runoff needed between Tiffany Leigh-Logan and Lola Adamczak.

Ballots were handed out to the delegates. The deputies collected the ballots and passed them over to the election committee.

A motion made by Randy Lewis to increase the late penalty from \$10.00 per person to \$25.00 if the pre-registration form is not received in the CSG office by the 1st Monday in October. If the delegates do not pay the fee at the time of registration, they will not be seated at the convention. A second was made by Leslie Parker. Lengthy discussion. A motion by Dolores Larrigan for the previous question. A second was made and the motion carried. The original motion was on the floor. The motion failed.

Runoff election results:

Tiffany Leigh-Logan 58
Lola Adamczak 46

Tiffany Leigh-Logan has been elected as Flora.

Dinner Break

Reconvened at 7:21 PM.

Nominations for Pomona:

Sylvia Sloan
Susan Megeath
Darlene Wingfield (declined)

Both accepted, introduced themselves briefly and ballots were handed out to the delegates. The deputies collected the ballots and passed them over to the election committee.

Cheri Bunker took a moment to thank the Youth for the great dinner. And the extra help from Trudy, Doug and Barry MacPhee, and Holly Bollen, and Liz Reynolds.

Several members rose to address the delegation while waiting for the results. Many a joke were told, a "knock" joke from Master Bob.

Election results for Pomona:

Sylvia Sloan 43
Susan Megeath 42

Sylvia Sloan has been elected as Pomona.

Nominations for Musician:

Lillian Booth
Greg Krause

Sister Lillian accepted and introduced herself briefly. Bro Greg had indicated his willingness to accept and serve if nominated, but that he had to leave and would not be there at the time of elections. Ballots were handed out to the delegates. The deputies collected the ballots and passed them over to the election committee.

Several members addressed the delegation while we waited for the results and the talent show!

Election results for Musician

Lillian Booth 48

Greg Krause 40

Lillian Booth has been elected as the Musician.

A motion by Joseph Stefenoni to destroy the ballots. A second was made and the motion was carried.

Frank Nichols gave his final report for the Election Committee. He thanked his committee for all their hard work: Yvette Adams, Carol Yogi, Kent Westwood, Jan Dietrick, Patty Allen, Dolores Larrigan, and Pat Wilson.

A motion was made by Cheri Bunker to accept the report and print it in the Journal. A second was made by Marion Nichols and the motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Bunker

California State Grange

Amendment to the day's proceedings.

Volunteers were asked to help reset the convention floor for the Talent and Variety Shows.

Talent Show: In the Youth category, Teddy Fackrell from the Marshall Grange took first place with a keyboard performance of the opening song from the *Phantom of the Opera*. In the Adult category, first place was taken by a high energy rock-n-roll group, the Virals, from the Thermalito Grange. Teddy will represent California at the Evening of Excellence at the National Grange Convention in Oklahoma.

The Variety Show performers included Bob McFarland, Donna Paccini and Tim Christensen, Cornelius O'Quinn, Barbara Geiger, Trudie Martin and Frank Nichols, and Rich Saxe. The evening ended with Lecturer Buzz Chernoff inviting Lecturer elect BJ Fitzpatrick along with all the musicians and want to be musicians up on the stage for a rousing rendition of *Home Grown Tomatoes*.

California State Grange
139th Annual Session
Sunday, October 16, 2011

The Fourth and final day of the California State Grange Annual Session was opened in ample form in the Fourth Degree at 10:30 AM, after a beautiful Memorial Program and Veteran Program, with Worthy Master, Bob McFarland in the Chair.

After a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll call showed all officers seated except the following: Asst Steward: Miranda Moog, Pro-tem; LAS: Tara Logan, Pro-tem; Flora: Sylvia Sloan, Pro-tem; Pomona: Darlene Wingfield, Pro-tem; EC: Bill Thomas, Pro-tem; Musician: Lillian Booth, Pro-tem.

The minutes of the previous day were read by Worthy Secretary, Cheri Bunker. Corrections to the minutes: 1) the motion regarding to annual dues structure should include the names of the committee that are to work on it; 2) the motion to have 6th Degree in Monterey or Santa Cruz County should state it would be held after 30

days notice to the Granges; 3) Bill Thomas was not declared elected in the minutes.

Moved by Joseph Stefenoni to accept the minutes as corrected and print them in the journal. Seconded by Darlene Wingfield and others. Motion carried.

The Grange was placed at ease for the abbreviated installation ceremony called for on the previous day, to install the Master elect, Bob McFarland and Executive Committee three-year elect, Jon Luvaas.

The Grange reconvened and was raised to the 5th degree. There was a short recess while the preparations were made for the candidates to the Fifth Degree.

The Grange reconvened and the Exemplification of the Fifth Degree was presented by the Youth of the California State Grange.

Recess was called for lunch at noon.

Due to a technical delay, lunch was late and the Grange was call to order at 1:35 pm.

The Grange reconvened and closed in the Fifth Degree. Worthy Master Bill Booth, invited those not of the Sixth Degree, with the exception of the candidates, to depart. He raised the Grange to the 6th Degree then asked the Secretary if there is any business to come before the Grange. Worthy Secretary pro tem, Leslie Parker, reported that there were 38 candidates who had complied with requirements of the Order and were in the anteroom awaiting instructions.

The Exemplification of the Sixth Degree was presented by the Officers and Guests of the California State Grange. Marching on behalf of all the candidates were Brenda Sandifer, Alicia Nieves, Patience Teh, Kent Westwood, Damian Parr, and Patu Teh.

At the conclusion of the degree work, the Rose Drill was presented to Worthy Patroness Flora, Sylvia Sloan, by the dancers from Mount Hamilton Grange. Then Worthy Flora and the Worthy Master led the Graces and their court, the candidates and the assembly to the harvest feast, prepared by Butte County.

Installation of officers was held immediately following. Each officer was accompanied to the altar with their own song.

Overseer, Martha Stefenoni ~ *Mame*

Lecturer, BJ Fitzpatrick ~ *Hello Dolly*

Steward, Bill Thomas ~ *The Lord is Good to Me*

Assistant Steward, Brandon Nebitt ~ *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf*

Lady Assistant Steward, Miranda Moog ~ *Someday My Prince Will Come*

Chaplain, Barbara Geiger ~ *Candle on the Water*

Treasurer, Marian Nichols ~ *Heigh, Heigh Ho, It's off Work We Go*

Secretary, Leslie S Parker ~ *Sit Right Down & Write Myself a Letter & With a Smile & a Song*

Gatekeeper, Bob Alvarez ~ *Whistle While You Work*

Ceres, Alicia Nieves ~ *Once Upon a Dream*

Pomona, Sylvia Sloan ~ *A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes*

Flora, Tiffany Leigh-Logan ~ *Alice in Wonderland*

Executive Committee, Damian Parr, Buzz Chernoff ~ *Winnie the Pooh*

Musician, Lillian Booth ~ *Grange March & Side-By-Side*

A recess was called at 3:25 PM. The Executive Committee was asked to meet in the production room for short meeting.

The Worthy Master and the Worthy Secretary rejoined the delegates on the floor, while the Executive Committee continued to meet in executive session. The Grange was called in to order at 3:55 PM

A moment of personal privilege was requested by Cheri Bunker. She asked that Les Reynolds be escorted to the Master's station by the Assistant Stewards. Cheri expressed her appreciation for Les taking care of so many things to help make this convention the success. Les was called on to say a few words and he expressed his gratitude and thanks to all of his helpers, that included all the Grangers present. Bob presented him with a package of Reese's Pieces for his hard work.

Worthy Steward Bill Thomas was called to the Masters station to assist in the presentation of past officer pins to Joseph Stefenoni, past Steward, Cheri Bunker, past Secretary, and Nancy Alvarez, past Ceres. Buzz Chernoff, past Lecturer, would receive his pin after the adjournment of the Executive Committee meeting.

In lieu of a Resolution of Appreciation, the assembly sang "*We Are the Grange*", written by and accompanied on guitar by Bob McFarland. The words were projected for the members to sing along. He requested that Bill Thomas and Dale Baker sing with him at the podium.

It was moved by Katie Squire and seconded by Bob Alvarez to include the Song of Appreciation in the printing of the Journal. Motion carried.

It was moved by Katie Squire that an audit of the financial records of the California State Grange shall be prepared annually, prior to the start of the session of the California State Grange; and that three copies of the completed audit shall be made available during the session and placed at the stations of the Overseer, Executive Committee, and Treasurer. Seconded by Suzi Laskowski. Discussion. The question was asked about the cost of an audit. The answer: \$15,000. More discussion. Due to the fact that finances are part of the responsibility of the Executive Committee, the Worthy Master asked if Sister Squire would be willing to place a hold on her motion until the Executive Committee was back on the floor. Katie agreed.

It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni and seconded by Suzi Laskowski to empower the Executive Committee to review and correct the minutes of today's annual session. Motion carried.

Trudie Martin, Western Yolo Grange, requested a moment of personal privilege. On behalf of the youth of her Grange and all of the youth present at convention she extended thanks to Cyndee Logan, Rosemary Fielder, and Erica Bruce for all the work and help that they provided during convention.

The Executive Committee rejoined the delegates on the floor at 4:14 PM.

Betty Eyler approached the microphone and was recognized. She thanked the Grange at large for all the support and announced that due to the generous support the baskets collected \$916, the cookies brought in \$114, the aprons brought in \$349, and the final total on the women's march was \$935.

Barbara Geiger requested a moment of personal privilege and was recognized. She apologized for the remark that she made earlier in the week saying "I don't like sending out sympathy cards". She explained that it wasn't

that she didn't like sending out cards but that it just breaks her heart to have to send them. She is always glad to send out cards even if it's just "thinking of you" card to anyone so please keep letting her know if a card is needed.

Katie Squire approached the microphone and extended her thanks to Alicia Nieves for her work on the Showcase. She did a great job for the first year as director.

The floor motion regarding the annual audit of the books of the California State Grange was brought back to the floor. Katie's asked to restate her motion for those who had not been present previously. More discussion. A question was raised about the fact that there were so few members left at convention and shouldn't something this important be brought in front of the entire delegation. The question was also raised of whether or not we could have any votes without a quorum present. It was suggested that we have a vote of confidence and agreed to leave the question of the audit in the hands of the Executive Committee.

It was moved by Erica Bruce to table this motion temporarily until a determination can be made regarding a quorum and to allow the cookie auction to happen in the meantime. Seconded by Leslie Parker. Motion carried.

Betty Eyler brought forward the cookies and a lively auction was conducted by Bob Mcfarland.

The motion for an annual audit was brought back on the floor. A ruling was made by parliamentarian Bill Booth, that once a quorum is established it is presumed to be in effect until close of business unless it is pointed out that there is no quorum. Therefore, at this point we cannot vote on this motion as we no longer have a quorum.

Jack Eyler requested a moment of personal privilege to thank the deputies for all their hard work throughout the year and especially here at convention.

Buzz approached the microphone for moment of personal privilege. On behalf of the campers behind the Hall he wants to thank whoever got the water turned off so they wouldn't be sprinkled upon and thanked Cheri and her committee for arranging for them to be able to camp there.

Buzz was called to the Master's station to receive his past Lecturer's pin.

Betty Eyler once again approached the microphone and apologized that she had forgotten two jars of jam made by Tom Sawyer that should've been included in the auction. They were sold to Trudie for \$15.

The Samuel L. Williams perpetual youth trophy was brought forward to the Master's station. The announcement was made that this year's winner of the trophy was Western Yolo Grange. The trophy was joyously accepted on behalf of Western Yolo Grange and their Youth by Trudie Martin.

At the invitation of the Worthy Master, the Grange gathered around the Altar for the Fraternal Circle, closing of the Grange in the fourth degree and the singing of *God Be With You*.

The Worthy Overseer pro tem, Joseph Stefenoni, declared the 139th Annual Session of the California State Grange duly closed for another year.

Fraternally submitted,

Leslie S Parker
Secretary

Amendment to the Convention proceedings.

The following resolutions and their disposition were not recorded in the minutes. The date and time of consideration was not recorded.

11-023 AG Labeling Genetically Modified Foods Committee action favorable. Final status: resolution adopted.

11-026 HEW State Grange Meeting Dates HEW committee transferred this resolution to Grange Law as it might require a By-Laws change. Committee action unfavorable. **It was moved to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion carried.** Original resolution now on the floor. **Moved and seconded to amend the Resolved** to read: 'that our State Master & Executive Committee study the feasibility of holding our annual session during school vacation time' and delete last Resolved. Discussion. Motion carried. Final status: resolution adopted as amended.

11 – 028 AG Reducing Government Fees on California Farmers Who Wish to Convert Their Farmland to Certified Organic Committee action favorable. Final status: resolution adopted.

11 – 030 AG Oppose CDFA Proposed Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) Committee action favorable as amended. Additional amendment: insert "California Dept of Food and Agriculture's" before 'proposed'. Final status: resolution adopted as amended.

11 – 031 AG Preserve America's Right to Uncontaminated Soil and Seeds Committee action favorable Amend the first resolved delete "Obama" and add "U. S." and after Administration to delete 'immediately'. Final status: resolution adopted as amended.

11 – 041 AG Support of Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance Recommitted.

When brought back, Committee action is favorable. Resolution amended to read: Resolved: that the California State Grange endorses and supports the enactment of **Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinances and/or Resolutions**. And be it further Resolved that the California State Grange supports and encourages each Pomona in presenting **Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinances and/or Resolutions** before their County Board of Supervisors. Strike "by the end of 2012". Final status: resolution adopted as amended.

11 – 045 COE Supporting Production and Use of Bio Char to Benefit Agriculture and Climate Committee action favorable as amended First resolved after 'opportunities in' cross out 'their' and insert 'the'. Delete last resolved. Final status: resolution adopted as amended.

11 – 048 GOV End Military Operations in Afghanistan Committee action favorable as amended. Strike "And that we invest in our American children instead of investing in the Afghan War and occupation" from the last resolved. Final status: resolution rejected.

11 – 049 AG Farmland Protection from Renewable Energy Commerce Rezoning Recommitted.

When again on the floor: Committee action favorable as amended: Delete first resolved. Second Resolved to read: the California State Grange opposes the rezoning of currently zoned agricultural land to any other commercial or industrial designation when renewable energy projects are installed on existing agricultural property. Final status: resolution adopted as amended.

11 – 053 AG Ban Neonicotinoid Pesticides Committee action favorable. This combines Resolutions 11-020, 11-029 and 11-038. Final status: resolution adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

Leslie S Parker
Secretary

2011 ANNUAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

Alpine #665

Lane, John Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 665 = 1

American River #172

Megeath, Susan Delegate
 Thomas, William "Bill" Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 172 = 2

Anderson Valley #669

Krouse, Greg Delegate
 Norfleet, David Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 669 = 3

Aptos #800

Turnquist, Randy Delegate
 Turnquist, Robin Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 800 = 2

Aromas #361

Saxe, Richard "Rich" Delegate
 Saxton, Jan Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 361 = 2

Atascadero #563

Harris, Jim Challenged
 Mayer, Rohana Challenged
 # Members from Grange: # 563 = 2

Bachelor Valley #667

Green, Byron Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 667 = 1

Bellevue #374

Wilson, David Delegate
 Wilson, Judith "Pat" Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 374 = 2

Bennett Valley #16

Allen, Patty Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 16 = 1

Berry Creek #694

Adamczak, Lola Delegate
 Grainger, Michael Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 694 = 6

Big Sur #742

Morehouse, Sherry Challenged
 Roth, Richard Challenged
 # Members from Grange: # 742 = 2

Butte Pomona #16

Bunker, Cheri Delegate
 Grainger, Vivian Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 16 = 2

California State Junior #101

Leetch, Lailah 13 and Under
 # Members from Grange: # 101 = 1

Chico #486

Maier, Virginia Delegate
 Mutters, Cass Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 486 = 5

Clovis Sanger Fowler # 842

Eckert, Craig Delegate
 Eckert, JoAnna Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # = 2

Corralitos #487

Feldman, Daniel Challenged
 Parr, Damian Challenged
 # Members from Grange: # 487 = 2

De Sabla #762

Heckman, Jeremy Delegate
 Heckman, Karen Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 762 = 3

Dows Prairie #505

Byers, Mike Delegate
 Fitzpatrick, B.J. Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 505 = 3

Durham #460

Edson, Jean Delegate
 Sloan, Sylvia Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 460 = 3

Eastlake #727

Goolsbee, David Delegate
 Johnson, Trina Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 727 = 2

El Camino Grange

Minor, China Challenged
 Ramirez, Max Challenged
 # Members from Grange: # = 2

El Dorado-Amador Pomona #14

O’Quinn, Shaun Delegate
 White, William “Joe” Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 14 = 2

El Paso De Robles #555

McFarland, Cassie Delegate
 McFarland, Sara Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 555 = 2

Elbow Creek #733

Jones, Karen Delegate
 Jones, Richard Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 733 = 2

Elk Grove #86

Sihner, Howard Delegate
 Sihner, Jonnie Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 86 = 2

Feather River #440

Shovein, John Delegate
 Witham, Sr, Forest ‘Pete’ Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 440 = 2

Fort Bragg #672

Marler, Randall “Randy” Delegate
 Pettengell, LuEllen Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 672 = 5

Freshwater #499

Sullivan, Laura Delegate
 Sullivan, Patrick Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 499 = 2

Fresno-Madera Pomona #24

Squire, Katie Delegate
 Squire, Leroy Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 24 = 2

Gilroy #398

Reif, Leona Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 398 = 1

Gold Hill #326

Johnson, Richmond Delegate
 Ormsby, Carol Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 326 = 2

Gold Trail #452

Chelseth, Pattie Delegate
 Fiedler, Kurt Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 452 = 2

Golden Empire #806

Hunt, Sydney Delegate
 Raridan, Sr, Bill Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 806 = 3

Greenhorn #384

Bergeron, Kathy Delegate
 Bergeron, Leo Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 384 = 2

Grover City #746

Compton, Joan Delegate
 Compton, Sr, Bill Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 746 = 4

Hessel #750

Lewis, Beth Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 750 = 1

Humboldt-Del Norte Pomona #19

Trumbull, Lois Delegate
 Winegar, Dwight Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 19 = 2

Ione #681

Larrigan, Darelld Delegate
 Larrigan, Dolores Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 681 = 2

Jacinto Grange #431

Members from Grange: # 431 = 5

Kern Pomona #26

Nebitt, Brandon Delegate
 Wingfield, Darlene Delegate
 # Members from Grange: # 26 = 2

Lake County Pomona #43

Clay, Donald “Don” Delegate
 Nichols, Marian Delegate

Members from Grange: # 43 = 2

Members from Grange: # 17 = 2

Lake Francis #745

Dahms, Pat Delegate
Dahms, Richard Delegate

Members from Grange: # 745 = 4

Mt. Hamilton #469

Lombay, Domingo Delegate
Lombay, Nenita Delegate

Members from Grange: # 469 = 8

Laytonville #726

Logan, Cyndee Challenged
Westwood, Kent Delegate

Members from Grange: # 726 = 2

Mt. Vernon #453

Ferreira, Manuel Delegate
Ferreira, Roberta Delegate

Members from Grange: # 453 = 2

Little Lake #670

Cotler, Lanny Delegate
McAbee-Cotler, Karina Delegate

Members from Grange: # 670 = 6

North Shore #822

Members from Grange: # 822 = 3

Loma Rica #802

Adams, Yvette Delegate
Spiers, Yvonne Delegate

Members from Grange: # 802 = 2

Oakdale #435

Pinney, Bob Delegate

Members from Grange: # 435 = 1

Marin #848

Apffel, Paul Delegate

Members from Grange: # = 1

Ojai Valley #659

Cornelius, Dian Delegate
Dietrick, Jan Delegate

Members from Grange: # 659 = 2

Marina #518

Leetch, Christine Delegate
Leetch, Kenneth Delegate

Members from Grange: # 518 = 2

Ono #445

Ledbetter, Irene Delegate
Tucker, Bobbi Delegate

Members from Grange: # 445 = 5

Marshall #451

Chernoff, Gerald "Buzz" Delegate
Chernoff, Linda Delegate

Members from Grange: # 451 = 4

Orangevale #354

Baker, Dale Delegate
Baker, Shirley Delegate

Members from Grange: # 354 = 5

Meadow Vista #721

Fullerton, Patty Delegate
Verrue, Ruth Delegate

Members from Grange: # 721 = 2

Orland #432

Donley, Bob Delegate
Donley, Pat Delegate

Members from Grange: # 432 = 4

Mendocino County Pomona #10

Bruce, Erica Delegate
Strock, Henry Delegate

Members from Grange: # 10 = 2

Palermo #493

Adams, Cathy Delegate
Morris, Betty Delegate

Members from Grange: # 493 = 5

Monterey County Pomona #17

Geiger, Barbara Delegate
Geiger, Leland Delegate

Paradise #490

Evans, Elizabeth Delegate
Walden, Michael Delegate
Members from Grange: # 490 = 4

Pilot Hill #1

Fisher, Danielle Delegate
Zacher, Heidi Delegate
Members from Grange: # 1 = 2

Placer Nugget Pomona #29

Hogaboom, Marlene Delegate
Members from Grange: # 29 = 1

Pleasant Valley Grange #675

Johnson, Frank Delegate
McFarland, Wendy Delegate
Members from Grange: # 675 = 2

Plumas-Sierra Pomona Grange #18

Donnell, Ken Delegate
Mutters, Kate Delegate
Members from Grange: # 18 = 2

Prunedale #388

Bevans, Ingermarie Delegate
Duarte, Patricia Delegate
Members from Grange: # 388 = 2

Rio Linda #403

Fielding, Sue Delegate
MacCracken, Linda Delegate
Members from Grange: # 403 = 3

Rohner Grange #509

Staples, Barbara Delegate
Members from Grange: # 509 = 1

Rosedale #565

Laskowski, Sigrid Delegate
Laskowski, Suzie Delegate
Members from Grange: # 565 = 2

Sacramento Community #843

McFarland, Bob Staff/Delegate
Taylor, Sharon Delegate
Members from Grange: # 843 = 5

Sacramento County Pomona #2

Parker, Leslie S Staff/Delegate
Self, Amy Staff/Delegate
Members from Grange: # 2 = 2

Sacramento Vegetarian Society #850

Destatte, Glenn Delegate
Rodgers, Mary Delegate
Members from Grange: # 850 = 2

San Fernando Valley #41

Lewis, Linda Delegate
Lewis, Randall "Randy" Delegate
Members from Grange: # 41 = 2

San Luis Obispo Pomona #27

Rougeot, Chester Delegate
Rougeot, Lester Delegate
Members from Grange: # 27 = 2

Santa Clara County #4

Sawyer, "Tom" H.F. Delegate
Members from Grange: # 4 = 1

Santa Cruz Live Oak #503

Yogi, Carol Delegate
Yogi, Takashi Delegate
Members from Grange: # 503 = 2

Santa Cruz Pomona

Marin, Nestor Delegate
Portela, Verenice Delegate
Members from Grange: # = 2

Scotts Valley #725

Jergenson, Richard Challenged
Waters, Ann Challenged
Members from Grange: # 725 = 2

Sebastopol #306

Elsbree, Kate Delegate
Stefenoni, Joseph Delegate
Members from Grange: # 306 = 2

Sierra Valley #466

Members from Grange: # 466 = 1

Sonoma Pomona #1

Allen, William "Bill" Delegate
Stefenoni, Martha Delegate
Members from Grange: # 1 = 2

Sonoma Valley #407

Gallian, Raymund Delegate
Phillips, Yannick Delegate
Members from Grange: # 407 = 2

Springfield #523

Hicks, Alan Delegate
Lua, Salvador Delegate
Members from Grange: # 523 = 2

Taylorville Community #439

Goss, Kevin Delegate
Members from Grange: # 439 = 1

Thermalito #729

Felder, Rosemary Delegate
Strong, Dorothy Delegate
Members from Grange: # 729 = 4

Valley Oaks #368

Keel, Rick Staff/Challenged
Moore, Charles Challenged
Members from Grange: # 368 = 2

Welcome #791

Schnitzius, Walter Delegate
Members from Grange: # 791 = 1

Western Yolo #423

Martin, Trudie Delegate
Nichols, Frank Delegate
Members from Grange: # 423 = 11

Whitesboro #766

Canclini, Marialice Delegate
Canclini, Robert Delegate
Members from Grange: # 766 = 2

Windsor #410

Betschart, Charley Delegate
Betschart, Cherry Delegate
Members from Grange: # 410 = 2

Woodbridge #482

Hartz, Jay Staff /Delegate
Hartz, Peggy Delegate
Members from Grange: # 482 = 2

Wyandotte #495

Holloway, Vesta Delegate
Williford, Susan Delegate
Members from Grange: # 495 = 7

Yankee Hill #735

Alvarez, Nancy Delegate
Alvarez, Robert Delegate
Members from Grange: # 735 = 2

Yuba-Sierra Pomona #46

Adams, David Delegate
Sinn, Donald Delegate
Members from Grange: # 46 = 3

II

Section II

Officer's Reports

Master
Lecturer
Treasurer
Chaplain
Steward

Master's Address

Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, it is my honor to stand before you. Grateful and humbled, to have faithfully served you, these past two years. Two years is a long time. And yet, it is but a blink of an eye.

Shakespeare wrote,

*All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players:
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages.
At first the infant,
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.
And then the whining school-boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school. And then the lover,
Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad
Made to his mistress' eyebrow. Then a soldier,
Full of strange oaths and bearded like the pard,
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth. And then the justice,
In fair round belly with good capon lined,
With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,
Full of wise saws and modern instances;
And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts
Into the lean and slipper'd pantaloon,
With spectacles on nose and pouch on side,
His youthful hose, well saved, a world too wide
For his shrunk shank; and his big manly voice,
Turning again toward childish treble, pipes
And whistles in his sound.*

Two years ago, taking office as your newly elected Master, my act was not unlike that of *the whining school-boy, with his satchel and shining morning face, creeping like snail unwillingly to school.*

Following that brief period of "shock and awe", I all too quickly sailed through the part of the lover, *with a woeful ballad* - and was jettisoned into the part of the soldier *full of strange oaths and bearded like the pard... sudden and quick in quarrel, Seeking the bubble reputation Even in the cannon's mouth.*

You need only participate in a meeting of the State Grange Executive Committee to understand what it is to be ***in the cannon's mouth.***

And now, I resign myself to the play the role of the justice, *In fair round belly... With eyes severe and beard of formal cut, Full of wise saws and modern instances.* Some folks think I saw too much.

But enough about me. Let's talk about... you. What role do you play in the Grange?

Are you the *infant, Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms?*

Are you the *lean and slipper'd pantaloon, with spectacles on nose... with big manly voice?* Do you have *pipes and whistles in your sound?*

All the Grange is a stage, and all of our brothers and sisters are merely players, with their exits and their entrances. And one man or woman in their time play many parts.

It is not so important what part we play, as it is that we are in the cast.

Brothers and sisters, we've had a good year. We've had a very good year. We've had two very good years. Despite, considerable challenges and the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

I'm not tooting my own horn. That would be a misrepresentation of what has occurred. We are, each of us, one spoke of a wheel. And when that wheel turns, with each spoke supporting us, carrying us forward, great things are accomplished. In essentials, unity.

The definition of the word *synergy* is that the combined effect of all parts working together is greater than the sum of individual effects.

We are a grass roots organization. Our inspiration grows from the ground up. Our success is measured by the good work we do in our Grange halls and communities. Our pride does not radiate from a central authority but springs from the collective efforts of dedicated and caring individuals.

I believe that the survival of the Grange rests in our hands and this generation of Grangers. We have, for now, corrected the spiraling loss of membership. We must put our best efforts into our halls and communities. We must be fiscally and fraternally responsible. We must respect, encourage and care for one another. The work has begun. We've put into place new programs and policies that will strengthen our organization. These are not so much my ideas but rather a collection of best practices contributed by members just like you.

One of the best things about being a Granger is that we get to work and play together. If you are not having fun, something is wrong. My door is always open. Your thoughts are always welcomed.

I'm so proud of all of you. And so honored to be here, amongst you. At this convention you've explored new experiences and new visions, inspiring us to even greater achievements and a promising future.

You were entertained by theatre director Christopher Cook and you applauded the idea of a Grange performing arts center, where musicians, actors, dancers and poets can come together, to entertain and educate the community all under the name of the Grange.

You approved a pilot program that will create a California State Grange School of Agriculture. Imagine the possibilities. Imagine the benefits and rewards to our organization. Imagine again, the doors that will be

opened, all in the name of the Grange.

Long overdue, you are about to change the way we have been reporting and paying our dues to make it easier on all of us, saving us time and money, while improving efficiency and accuracy.

And yesterday, you opened your hearts and minds, and demonstrated the true meaning of fraternity by welcoming and embracing your brothers and sisters and acknowledging their right to sit amongst us. All of us were reminded that we are a grass roots organization and that the true and rightful leadership of the Grange belongs to our members.

Not until yesterday, did I truly understand our motto:
In essentials, unity. In non essentials liberty. In all things – charity.

Two years ago, we promised:

- To exercise fiscal responsibility,
- To provide accountability and transparency in our affairs,
- To re-focus the resources of the California State Grange to serve our members and their communities,
- and to promote membership growth.

Have we fulfilled those promises?

Our path to financial well being is not a short path, it is not a smooth path, and it travels over hills and valleys and has many curves. Never-the-less, we’ve made great progress down that path.

Much of the debt we inherited two years ago has been paid down. We’ve eliminated the considerable costs of upkeep on abandoned Grange halls by revitalizing them with new members. In just two years, we managed to populate all of our ten vacant Grange halls with new members. Taking our fleet out of mothballs relieved the California State Grange of upkeep costs of more than \$1,200 per month.

We’ve finally caught-up and paid current the accruing interest on the \$400,000 loan for the 2007 renovation of the old Wisteria Hall into our new Executive Offices. Starting this January, we will begin paying-down the principal as well, finally rebuilding those asset accounts where that money was borrowed from.

Tale of the Tape. A five year overview gives you a sense of how our financial health has improved.

Year	Profit/Loss	Budget
2008	(\$79, 852) loss	\$813,918
2009	(\$24,362) loss	\$669,585
2010	\$83,395 profit	\$546,265
2011	\$10,772 estimated profit	\$581,222
2012	\$ 2,403 estimated profit	\$543,039

In two years, we’ve managed to reduce our operating budget by approximately \$100,000 per year, and turn red ink into black.

We have significant challenges facing us. Not the least of which is our loss in income from empty rental

properties, and a reduction in commissions paid to us from the Grange Insurance Association.

Our budget has been adjusted over the past two years to offset these losses in income. The budget we have adopted for 2012 represents a bare bones budget and important programs primarily supporting outreach and membership growth have been all but eliminated.

What does that mean? It means we have more to do and less to do it with. It means we have to be creative, and think of ways to better serve our members and our goals, with leaner and more efficient tools. We must spend less. Think about conservation. As our only outreach, the Master must take on more responsibility for the welfare of our members and Granges. To my way of thinking, that means to continue to travel, visiting Granges, and helping in whatever way we can.

It means we must develop new revenue sources. The State Grange has been able to coast for a long time, on income derived from rentals and handsome contributions from GIA. Now we have to begin to create ways to earn money for our upkeep, just like every community Grange must do.

It doesn't hurt that dues from new membership in the last two years will bring us and an estimated additional \$35,000 in income.

This year, I formed a Compass Committee. Past the term of just one administration, this committee will consider a long-term business plan for the financial and fraternal well being of our organization. This committee will continue to meet and the results of their efforts will be presented for your consideration.

None of this would be possible without the diligence and dedication of your Executive Committee. Please join me now, in showing our appreciation for this dedicated group of individuals that make up your Executive Committee. Executive Committee, please rise and accept our gratitude.

Likewise, our Program Directors are to be commended for the good work they do. May we have a round of applause for:

Betty Eyler, Director of the Grange Women's Activities,
Helen Ferguson, Maureen Fernandes, and Dolores Larrigan, Youth Fair Directors,
Mike Greene, Legislative Director
Rosemary Fielder, Youth Director
Michele Price, Junior Director
Lisa Burke, Development Director,
and Alicia Nieves, Showcase Director.

Let us not forget the service of our Deputy Team headed by Jack Eyler. Deputies, please rise and accept our gratitude.

Of course, we are grateful for a fine group of State Officers that have represented you well. Officers of the California State Grange please rise and accept our appreciation.

We owe the staff of the California State Grange a great deal. Staff please rise and receive our thanks. Jay Hartz, Amy Self, Rick Keel, Leslie Parker and Alicia Nieves.

Finally, I want to thank my wife Wendy. Wendy works full time and we don't often get to travel together. As

you all know, I spend a lot of time on the road. And she is grateful for that. Never-the-less, she's always there to welcome me home. Everything I am, I owe to my wife Wendy. We celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary tomorrow.

Let's review and celebrate some of our accomplishments.

Last year, we reported a net increase of 241 members, the first increase in membership in many, many years. This year, we can report a second and consecutive net increase of 925 new members joining the California State Grange. We have tripled our increase of just one year ago!

And for the first time since 2005, our total membership will exceed 10,000 members this year. The Grange is growing, thanks to all of your efforts.

Not only are we growing in numbers, we are growing in numbers of Granges. Just in the past two years we have organized, re-organized, or revitalized 30 Granges in California. This growth is phenomenal.

2009 – 2010

1. West Visalia Grange
2. Vista Grange
3. Biggs Community Grange
4. Redwood Grange
5. East Lake Grange
6. Clovis-Sanger-Fowler Grange
7. Lucerne Valley Community Grange
8. Sacramento Community Grange
9. Chino Valley Community Grange
10. Surprise Valley Grange

So far, this year – we have organized, re-organized or revitalized 20 new Granges in California.

2011

1. Gold Country Grange
2. Gold Country Junior Grange
3. Coalinga Grange
4. Fiddletown Junior Grange
5. Eastlake Grange
6. Taylorsville Grange
7. El Camino Grange
8. Petaluma Grange
9. Sacramento Vegetarian Society Grange
10. Marin Grange
11. Scotts Valley Grange
12. Martinez Grange
13. Southern California Certified Farmers Market Grange
14. Scotts Valley Grange

15. Healdsburg Ballet Grange
16. North Bay Pomona Grange
17. Santa Cruz Pomona
18. El Dorado County Pomona Grange
19. Simoore Grange
20. and soon to come, Simoore Junior Grange

Is Membership Month Worth It? This is a question that seems to be revisited year after year. Well, I have some figures that will finally answer that question. Let's do the math together.

Figures from April 2010 Membership Month (as of July, 2011)

In 2010, 363 new members joined during Membership Month.

141 did not renew their membership in January, 2011.

$141 \times \$9 \text{ dues paid to National} = \$ (1,269)$

222 members renewed their membership in January, 2011.

$222 \times \$16 = \$3,552$

Plus \$1.00 application fee per member = \$ 222

Plus, we get \$1.00 per member paid by GIA = \$222

Total Income from membership month = \$3,996

Total Profit from membership month 2010 = **\$2,727**

This profit is based on only one year. We must anticipate that many of these 222 new members will remain in the Grange for many years to come, increasing that profit. But the value we can place on their contributions as new Grange members is *immeasurable*.

Of the 241 new members that represented our net growth in 2010, 222 joined during April membership month.

As you know, April membership month is also the time when most Granges put their best face on, with special programs and activities designed to draw the community into our halls.

Currently, we have no other membership drive program. There are no funds for 2012 for a Membership Director.

April Membership month is a viable and profitable program.

Is Membership Month Worth It? In a word, yup.

Last year we discussed creating a Farmers Bill of Rights as our declaration of allegiance to the farmers of California. Our hope is that a Farmers Bill of Rights will put us back on the map as the oldest and grandest agriculture organization in the country, attracting media attention, restoring our legislative clout, and promoting membership growth.

Several “town hall meetings” were held at Granges around the State and there has been a great deal of input submitted by individual Grangers, as well. The Farmers Bill of Rights continues to be a work in progress, but I can report to you some of the more common declarations that have been expressed, so far:

A Farmer Has the Right to pursue public policy that will provide access to fresh fruits and vegetables to children in order to encourage them to make healthy dietary choices, leading to better nutrition at home and in schools.

A Farmer Has the Right to the use and storage of water that comes from or falls on their land.

A Farmer Has the Right to grow crops without danger of pollution from off-farm sources, whether that pollution be genetic or chemical, borne by water or air.

A Farmer Has the Right to grow and save their own seed.

A Farmer Has the Right to protect and advocate for the preservation of agricultural land.

A Farmer Has the Right to resist and advocate against overreaching government regulations that interfere with their production and sale of healthy foods, and their right to make a living from their labors.

At this convention, you will decide on many other resolutions having to do with the rights of farmers. I hope you will give them your careful consideration.

The Grange is once again growing in legislative prominence. On behalf of policy adopted by our members, Mike Greene, Yannick Philips and I have testified many times this year at the Capitol and at public hearings and seminars. What’s most encouraging is that legislators are actually asking us to testify on behalf of their legislation. Having been invited by the new Secretary Karen Ross, Yannick and I currently sit on two panels for the California Department of Agriculture.

How many times have you heard me tell Grangers, “If you are not having fun... something is wrong.”

Some of the most fun I have had since joining the Grange has been to travel to Granges around the state as a member of our Heritage Team. Our Heritage Team visits Granges around the state and talks a little about the early history of the Grange, and demonstrates the 4th degree opening and closing, in traditional form. We’ve been well received everywhere we go.

If you’d like the Heritage Tour to visit your Grange, please let us know.

In the aftermath of the divisive and destructive Civil War, as smoke still hung over the battle ground and with the soil still damp with the blood of American sons and daughters, our founding patrons first met.

Rising from the fields and farmlands, we gathered on common ground to heal and support each other, work together, and honor traditional values.

We built halls across the rural landscape of America, inviting family, friends and neighbors to share the harvest from the fields and celebrate the bounty of life. For more than 140 years, we’ve preserved our founding principles of unity, liberty and charity.

Just after the Civil War, our founder, Oliver Hudson Kelley, traveled through the south and witnessed first-hand the devastation and desperate conditions. One out of twenty men were killed or wounded in the Civil War. Women were left to tend their family farms with their children. The Grange answered many of their needs.

Not unlike those challenges of 140 years ago, it seems to me, in these difficult and divisive times we live in, the Grange offers a place for us to gather, replenish our spirit, our faith, and share.

Recall the phrase from the closing of the Grange 4th degree: “Let us be quiet, peaceful citizens, feeding the hungry, helping the fatherless and the widows”.

Those words from long ago still echo today. Have we forgotten their meaning? So often these days, it seems that we, as a species, have returned to a primeval state, where survival of the fittest is the rule we live by.

Grange scripture calls upon us to share and care for each other and others. In essentials, unity. In non essentials, liberty. In all things *charity*.

We have over 200 Granges across California, and 10,000 members. You may open your doors to the community, but are you opening your hearts?

We have a great need in this country and in this state. The unemployment rate in California is 12%. More than double what it was just five years ago. One out of every 200 families in California has lost their homes. If you are their parents, how do you tell your children that they must leave the warmth and safety of your family home and make your way in a cold and often cruel world?

Friends, we have 200 halls and 10,000 members in communities across California. As Grangers, we don't turn our backs on friends and neighbors that need our help. In all things charity.

At my home Grange, the Pleasant Valley Grange, we began a Relief Committee. The Relief Committee finds families in need in our community. We provide clothing, food, firewood, money, and toys – whatever we can. We find that there are more and more families in need these days, than just a few years ago.

Does your Grange have a Relief Committee, or something similar? Is there an opportunity for all of us to work together to help friends and neighbors in need? Perhaps Marian and her Communities Committee could consider a plan that would help friends and neighbors in need, on a state-wide effort?

Brothers and sisters, we find ourselves on the threshold of a Grange Renaissance, reaffirming principles and goals set by the founders 140 years ago. We travel this path together. Let us carry on, and not tarry too long, for there are many exciting adventures and opportunities waiting for us just around the corner.

And give us the strength to have forbearance toward those who may differ from us, and charity toward their motives.

It has been my privilege to have served you these past two years. I have done so to the best of my ability, and always with the best interest of the Grange at heart.

Brothers and sisters, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bob McFarland
President, California State Grange

Lecturer's Annual Report

Fellow Grangers –

It is an honor, a privilege, and a gift to serve as your State Lecturer. An honor to represent the State Grange at various public functions; a privilege to meet and get to work with some really wonderful people; and a gift of freedom to make the Grange FUN, in both work and play. If it's fun, folks want to join and volunteer their time. Or as Emma Goldman said, "If I can't dance, I don't want to be part of your revolution".

As your Lecturer, I have had the privilege of having fun dancing with some of the finest. Rich Saxe and Jan Saxton who single handedly elevated the Talent Contest from a ho hummer to a wowzowie. Captain Rainbow of the Anderson Valley Grange who said "Hey, how about all the folks who want to perform but don't want to compete. How about them?" And that was the birth of the Variety show which in many peoples mind, me included, is the high point of fun at the convention. Lindy Wright brought fun to our convention when she blew us all away by replacing the drudgy traditional opening march, with John Lennon's "Imagine". Imagine. And then she went one step further by putting together the Grange house band, Ganger's in the Night, her back up band that included anyone who had an interest in playing, singing, tambourine banging and of course, David Lewis on his one of a kind washtub base. In addition to his virtuoso playing, David was the main spark plug for the Water Symposium held at convention a few years back. It was the high water mark to date on convention educational programs. Mike Green, Rick Keel, and Bob McFarland were instrumental in another kind of fun educational event, the CSG's Industrial Hemp Festival. It was a day of education with workshops and displays, vendors selling products made with industrial hemp, and some of the Sacramento area's best bands. It was a model for what the CSG should and I hope will do more often and with other themes. Jim McDaniel, Bill and Patty Allen, Katie Squire, K.D. Donnell, the always fun Cornelius O'Quinn and all the folks who made the Family Camp a success, especially the Lecturer's Family Camp Variety show. So many good people, it would be impossible to list them all. What a privilege to have worked with them.

Our CSG is a changing, just as the times they are a changing. It does my spirit good to look out and see the faces of so many different people of different ages, and representing different ideas working together. It's reminiscent of what I have read about the Grange in 1875, filled with younger folks looking to the CSG to lead the way to change. And we are on the road to change. A change that brings us closer to the earth and more vital to the communities we live in. It's another time which calls for other ways of thinking. I appreciate that as an elder of this organization, I bring the useful rudder of experience and history. To that end, I believe it is critical that we always keep in mind the words of Oliver Kelley as he was formulating a plan which was to become the Grange:

"Establish a local community association, where a group of people should be brought together as neighbors and friends, to discuss with candor and tolerance many local problems; to arrive at a clearer recognition of nearby needs and a mutual agreement on ways of meeting those needs; transforming stranger into neighbors, perhaps even enemies into friends, as local misunderstandings should be wiped away, prejudices removed, intelligence diffused and cooperation established."

But at the same time, I also appreciate that nothing living is static; growth and change are the ways of nature, a process that is beautifully expressed in our degree work. We all have our moment in the sun, but the time comes to move aside for new ideas and energies that need the chance to see the day of light as we elders have. Recognizing that, it is time for me to step down as your lecturer, and pass the torch to someone with those new ideas and the energy to grow the CSG to the next level. It has been honor and a privilege to serve as your State Lecturer.

Thank you so much for the gift.

Buzz Chernoff

Treasurer's Report

Worthy Master, State Officers, Honored Guests and Grangers:

The financial year ending 2011 will be in the black. The budget for 2012 projects a positive balanced budget.

Thanks to Amy, Rick and Leslie for truly handling the Grange finances.

Each year I request suggestions for increasing our income. Our membership growth will help. We should seek corporate sponsors, grants, fundraisers, donation, etc. The Grange Insurance Association funds are declining and they are on a year to year basis.

We need new ways to cover our costs and grow our Grange.

It has been an honor to serve and I am proud to be a Grangers.

Fraternally,

Marian Nichols
Treasurer

Chaplain's Report

I was honored to serve all the Granger's as your Chaplain this past year. I have sent our many cards and said many prayers. My Grange Angel's (Betty Eyler & Suzy Moramarco) were a big help in keeping me informed as to those who had passed on or were ill. Many other Granger's called or e-mailed me also. That is what it is all about working together.

I love what I do. Just to make someone feel good is all the reward for me. At the 2011 Memorial service we remembered 30 Grange members.

Fraternally

Barbara Geiger, Chaplain
California State Grange

Steward's Report

Brothers and Sisters,

It has been my honor to serve you as Steward of the State Grange of California. As custodian of Grange regalia and property, I hope that I have served you well. The position of Steward of the Grange is one of the most important. The Steward, as guardian of the Inner Gate lets new laborers enter and experience the Grange for the first time.

In our Granges today, we have moved away from the lessons and teachings of our ritual. While many Granges have begun to use the alternative manual or meeting around the table, we cannot forget the lessons and teachings of our ritual. I would challenge every one of you to return to your Granges and with your membership, or by partnering with members of another Grange, work to exemplify one of the first four degrees, use the full Installation or open the Grange in full ritual form. Remembering the Master's charge while closing the Grange "...whatever we do, strive to do well."

There are two quotes from our ritual that I'd like to share as challenges to all of our membership. The first comes from the Installation of Officers "Be cheerful, be united. 'Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' " The next is the closing charge from the Fourth Degree "Let us treasure up the lessons we have learned, both by successes and failures, plan wisely and hopefully for the future, and strive to make our lives as harmoniously beautiful and bountiful as are the works of Nature's God.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve you as Steward of the California State Grange. I hope you all the best in your Grange activities over the next year. Remember to exemplify our principles in Faith, in Hope, in Charity and with Fidelity.

Fraternally,

Joseph B. Stefenoni
CSG Steward

III

Section III

Executive Committee Minutes

California State Grange Executive Committee Minutes

Sunday, October 17, 2010

Mt. Hamilton Grange Hall

The meeting was called to order at 1:04PM by Chairman Larry Kroger. Those attending were Inger Bevans, Shirley Baker, Overseer Martha Stefenoni and Master Bob McFarland. EC members Jon Luvaas and Leo T. Burgeon had left the convention early and were unable to attend. Guest Tom Sawyer was also present.

The minutes from the last day of convention will be available before the next EC meeting.

A motion by Martha Stefenoni to authorize payment for the convention bills was seconded and passed.

Discussion took place about all of the problems with the hotel. Master Bob said he would contact the hotel and discuss the various problems.

Rough and Ready Grange has verbally requested a loan for \$40,000.00 to upgrade their facility.

El Camino Grange - notice was sent by certified mail to CSG giving 30 day notice of intent to vacate. Cornelius will be going to visit the building.

Clovis -Sanger-Fowler Grange - still slow in getting building up & running. Master Bob will check with Amy about the \$30,000.00 from Fowler.

Discussion took place regarding delinquent Grange policy.

Healdsburg Grange renters are sending money to the CSG. Corporation has been resurrected & cleared, now working on clearing the title to the property.

Discussion occurred doing an audit for 2009. Inger Bevans will contact Bruce for competitive bid. Master Bob will get other bids.

Staff will be off Monday & Tuesday following the convention.

Next meeting will be announced at a later date.

Motion to adjourn made by OS Martha Stefenoni was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58PM by Chairman Larry Kroger.

Saturday, December 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:27 AM., by Chairman Larry Kroger. The roll call of officers was taken showing all EC members present. Officer Manager Amy Self and CSG Steward Joseph Stefenoni were recognized as guests. Joseph Stefenoni led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

CSG Overseer Martha Stefenoni moved to approve the agenda. Second by Jon Luvaas. Motion was carried. 7-0

CSG Master Bob McFarland moved to approve the minutes from 10/17/2010 CSG Convention and Executive Committee meetings, as corrected. Seconded by Shirley Baker. Motion was carried. 7-0

Chairman Larry Kroger opened nomination for the election of the Executive Committee Chairman. Martha Stefenoni nominated Larry Kroger, who declined the nomination. Larry Kroger nominated Leo T. Bergeron. Bob McFarland nominated Shirley Baker. Ballots were passed out and counted by Amy. Final tally was: Shirley Baker 7 / Leo T. Bergeron 0. Shirley Baker was elected as the CSG Executive Committee Chairwoman for 2011.

Bob McFarland gave the Master's report, which included a closing report of 2010 and an overview of the new programs for 2011. The buildings were discussed. A major emphasis will be placed on renting the buildings as soon as possible.

Master Bob discussed the El Camino Grange lawsuit. The judge's ruling was CSG has no liability. He now has the keys. The basement needs to be cleaned and an evaluation of the property needs to be completed.

Discussion on the following Granges: Napa, Coalinga, Davis Creek, Fieldbrook and San Luis Obispo. It was discussed to have an audit of SLO Grange. Hessel Grange is being sued by a winery to allow access to their property via private road. It was decided to have CSG, Hessel Grange & the plaintiff sit down together to see if a solution can be found without resorting to lawsuits.

Amy Self gave the updates on the financial status. Deputies can help collect dues from those that are behind. **Shirley Baker moved to write off the old AR's. Seconded by Inger Bevans. Motion carried. 7-0.** Larry Kroger & Inger Bevans will check out various investments to make the most for our money.

Amy to check on the increase in Repair & Maintenance.

Auto expenses – 292,000 miles on Grange1 (van) & everything is going bad, 2 transmissions so far. Bob to check on new van costs.

Inger Bevans moved to use reverted funds to pay off AR debt for W. Visalia, replace Grange Van, and the remainder to go into the Grange Hall Loan Fund. A second by Jon Luvaas, with the amendment to have the van make a statement with regards to mileage. Motion carried as amended. Master Bob abstained. 6-0-1.

Discussion on salaries. Using less than was budgeted for in 2010, as Kalie & Summer were not replaced.

Master Bob announced he had just received an email from Ken Donnell advising that his wife Judy Johnson has been killed in a vehicle collision. Services to be held 12/16.

GIA funds are OK at this time.

Property Tax is \$4,400.00 higher due to past updates that had not been billed by the city/county.

Unfinished Business:

Springfield Grange: **Jon Luvaas moved to :**

1. **Approve the Springfield consolidation with Prunedale.**
2. **Approve the sale of the Springfield Grange Hall. All proceeds of the sale of the Springfield Grange Hall will go into the California Grange Foundation to be used in accordance with Article II Section 1 Objectives & Purposes of the California Grange Foundation. Springfield Grange's recommendations will be considered. Terms of the sale of the Springfield Grange Hall must be approved by the CSG Executive Committee.**

Motion was seconded by Leo T. Bergeron and was carried. Inger Bevans abstained. 6-0-1

Buena Vista Grange: request for loan to purchase property next to them moot as property has already sold.

Leo T. Bergeron moved to write new loan for Lake Earl Grange. Starting on February 1, 2011, the Lake Earl Grange will pay the balance of their loan to the CSG with the following terms: 15 years at 3.5% interest to begin accruing on February 1, 2011. A second by Shirley Baker. Motion carried. 7 -0

Crescent Redwood Grange needs to be deeded over to CSG.
Healdsburg Grange – paperwork is at Secretary of State's office.
Roeding Grange Corp. needs to be dissolved. Master Bob to handle.
Passwords need to be updated.
990's with FTB & IRS. Still have Granges that have not filed.
EC Policy Handbook: updates to be emailed by Inger to all & and e-vote taken to approve.

New Business

Bonding: Fidelity bonds for Master, Secretary & Treasurer. Leo volunteered to check insurance policy & report back.

Rough & Ready Grange requesting loan to fix their road & parking lot. Request sent back asking them to check for better bids.

Honey Lake Valley Grange requesting additional loan to repair damage from bad contractor. Request denied. Not enough funds available. Recommend temporary fix and civil lawsuit against contractor.

Leo discussed the National Grange Convention.

Joseph Stefenoni thanked the CSG for paying airfare that allowed him to attend the National Grange Convention. Joseph is now a NG Youth Mentor & Youth Ambassador.

Next meeting will be Sat. February 5, 2011. at 9:00AM.

Motion by Master Bob, second by Shirley Baker to adjourn the meeting. As there was no further business, Chairman Larry Kroger adjourned the meeting at 4:19PM.

Saturday, February 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:05AM, by Chairwoman Shirley Baker. The roll call showed all EC members present, with the exception of Jon Luvaas. Also present was Office Manager Amy Self, and Grange Foundation Chairman Tom Sawyer. The renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Chairwoman Shirley Baker.

Bob McFarland moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Motion carried. 6-0.

Larry Kroger Moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2010 as corrected. Seconded by Bob McFarland. Motion carried. 6-0.

CSG President McFarland gave his report to the Executive Committee.

Bob McFarland moved to use up to \$1,000.00 to purchase DVD projector & screen to be used as a pilot program, by the Butte Pomona Granges to increase membership & open the doors to the community for a movie night. Second by Larry Kroger was made. Motion carried 6-0.

Office Manager Amy Self gave the financial report. No AR debt!

Meeting recessed at 10:35 AM for Executive Session. Meeting reconvened at 11:07 AM .

Unfinished Business

Larry Kroger & Inger Bevans gave the status of the investment portfolio. **Martha Stefenoni moved to change the signators to Bob McFarland, Marian Nichols and Larry Kroger, on the Morgan Stanley accounts. Seconded by Bevans. Motion carried. 6-0.**

Bob McFarland moved to take funds and allocate them into CD's with 1, 2 & 3 year ending times. Seconded by Leo Bergeron. Motion carried 6-0.

Inger Bevans moved to continue to pay the Wisteria loan at 2% for 2011. Seconded by Larry Kroger. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting recessed at 11:30AM, for the Grange Foundation meeting. Meeting reconvened at 12:58 PM.

Unfinished Business continued

The 2010 Convention: still having issues with the hotel. The credit card company is handling the dispute at this time.

Leo Bergeron moved to have the CSG President speak to Springfield Grange with a plan based on the recommendation from the National Grange President. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Motion carried 5-0-1. Inger Bevans abstained.

Bob McFarland moved to pay back the \$75,000.00 loan to Prunedale's Asset Management account. Seconded by Leo Bergeron. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting recessed for a meeting of the Davis Creek Grange #404 1:53 PM. Meeting reconvened at 1:55PM.

Bob McFarland moved to accept the agreement from Crescent Redwood Grange with a one year term, with prior approval on all repairs absent an emergency. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Motion carried 6-0.

Leo Bergeron moved to investigate and support mobile slaughter units in rural areas. Second by Shirley Baker. Motion carried 6-0. Bergeron was appointed committee Chairman.

Leo Bergeron moved to investigate a State Deputy position to include duties and funding. Seconded by Shirley Baker. Motion carried 6-0.

Leo Bergeron moved the CSG investigate the possibilities of creating a Charter Grange School of Agriculture. Seconded by Bob McFarland. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

Leo Bergeron moved to have the CSG President take all necessary actions to secure all the materials relating to EXPO, up to and including 2010, and insure EXPO continues to be a viable program. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Motion carried 6-0.

Bob McFarland moved to approve funding for the FFA Emerging Agriculture Technology-Entrepreneurship placement Award of \$400.00. Seconded by Leo Bergeron. Motion carried 6-0.

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 9, 2011 9:00AM, with the Grange Foundation meeting immediately following.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25PM.

Thursday, March 3, 2011

Teleconference Meeting of the Executive Committee of the California State Grange

Meeting was called to order at 7:14pm by Chairwoman Shirley Baker.

Present: Chairwoman Shirley Baker, Leo Bergeron, Bob McFarland, Larry Kroger.

Shirley Baker moved the meeting into Executive Session at 7:19pm.

Discussion followed regarding the consolidation of the Springfield Grange and Prunedale Grange, and the sale of the Springfield Grange.

Inger Bevans joined the conference at 7:22pm.

Discussion continued.

Chairwoman Shirley Baker adjourned the Executive Session conference at 7:49pm.

Chairwoman Shirley Baker opened a regular Executive Committee meeting at 7:49pm.

Moved by Larry Kroger that a letter be sent to the Springfield and Prunedale Granges stating that due to the interpretations of the National Master, the motion adopted at the December 11, 2010 meeting of the Executive Committee to allow consolidation of the Springfield and Prunedale Granges and sale of the Springfield Grange is invalid.

Motion seconded by Shirley Baker. Motion carried. Moved by Leo Bergeron that the Executive Committee request a meeting with the Springfield and Prunedale

Granges to develop an acceptable plan of consolidation and distribution of the funds from the sale of the Springfield Grange property. Motion seconded by Shirley Baker. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Shirley Baker at 7:53pm.

Saturday, April 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Chairwoman Shirley Baker. Roll call of members showing Chairwoman Shirley Baker, Jon Luvaas, Inger Bevans, Leo Bergeron, Larry Kroger, and CSG President Bob McFarland present. CSG Overseer Martha Stefenoni was absent. A phone call from Martha advising she was unable to attend the meeting was received. The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Larry Kroger.

A motion was made by Leo Bergeron to approve the agenda as modified with a second by Bob McFarland. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Leo Bergeron to approve the February 5, 2011 minutes as corrected, with a second by Bob McFarland. Motion passed 5-0-1, Jon Luvaas abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

Lisa Burke, the new CSG Development Director addressed the Executive Committee and led a discussion about Granges seeking grants from a variety of locations. She also talked about low power FM stations for Granges. She can be reached at burkeL@californiagrangegrants.org or grants@californiagrangegrants.org .

CSG President Bob McFarland gave the President's report. He discussed the Master's Fly In that was held in Henderson, Nevada, the GIA meeting in Seattle, Washington and the National Grange Pomona Summit held in Cottage Grove, Oregon. He also talked about testifying before the legislature on Industrial Hemp. He has organized new Granges: Marin Grange, Hayward Grange, and will be talking to folks in Los Angeles and Malibu later in the month. The Master's report was postponed to allow for Amy Self's report.

CSG Office Manager Amy Self reported on the financials. She stated she had received a refund from the National Grange due to an error in their bookkeeping. Audit will be done, everything is in order.

The Master concluded his report with a proposal to the Executive Committee to consider the development of a CSG School

of Agriculture.

A motion was made by Leo Bergeron to have the CSG President form a feasibility committee to study the possibility of a CSG Agriculture School with a budget of \$5,000.00. If any good faith deposits are required, the CSG President can use the budget money, provided it is refundable. A second made by Jon Luvaas. Motion passed 6-0.

At this time, Past CSG President Bob Clouse, and the Geigers joined the meeting. David Smith, President of Prunedale Grange was unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Unfinished Business

Springfield/Prunedale consolidation:

The December meeting approval of the sale of the Springfield Grange was rescinded based on rulings from the National Grange President Ed Luttrell, during a teleconference.

A market analysis has been received by Randy Turnquist at \$200,000.00 to 400,000.00.

There are three issues at this time: 1) the consolidation, 2) the sale of the Springfield Grange Hall, 3) what is going to happen to the funds after the sale.

The Geigers left the meeting.

A motion was made by Bob McFarland to allow the consolidation of the Springfield/Prunedale Granges, contingent upon Executive Committee approval of the distribution of the assets. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. Roll Call vote requested. Chairwoman Shirley Baker: yes, Larry Kroger: no, Leo Bergeron: yes, Jon Luvaas: yes, Inger Bevans: abstained, Bob McFarland: yes, Martha Stefenoni: absent. Motion passed 4-1-1.

A motion was made by Bob McFarland to approve the sale of the Springfield Grange Hall, providing the surviving grange agrees, that all interest earned goes back into the Asset Management account and a detailed plan for distribution of the funds, including a provision to perpetuate the Grange, be given to the Executive Committee. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. Roll Call vote was requested: Chairwoman Shirley Baker: no, Larry Kroger: no, Leo Bergeron: yes, Jon Luvaas yes, Inger Bevans: abstained, Martha Stefenoni was called due to the nature of the vote: abstained, Bob McFarland, yes. The motion passed 3-2-2.

Hessel Grange: A motion was made by Larry Kroger to have Hessel Grange pay back their loan at 7 years at 4% interest on \$13,240.02, with an unknown down payment, and Inger Bevans to send the note out. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. Motion passed 6-0.

A loan request from the Independent Grange was referred to the Grant Writer as they have no funds to make payments.

A motion was made by Bob McFarland to have the 2009 audit done by Sneesby at \$15,000.00. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. The motion passed 6-0.

Bob McFarland said he was still trying to payout the monies for the 2010 Expo Awards. Amy Self has been rebuilding the list of winners as no info has been forthcoming from the Expo Director.

A motion was made by Jon Luvaas to send a certified letter to Katie Squire, the Expo Director, to return all properties of the California State Grange within 72 hours, or be suspended as a member. A second was made by Shirley Baker. Motion passed 6-0.

New Business:

For the 2011 convention, there will be a local Coordinator, Sherry Morehouse, and Linda MacCracken will assist for the CSG Showcase (EXPO)

A quick report on the 2011 Convention was given.

2103 Stockton Blvd. : the upstairs has been completed.

Chairwoman Shirley Baker appointed a committee of herself, Bob McFarland, and Lisa Burke to outline procedures for financial assistance for Subordinate Granges. This will include asking those Granges with large Asset Management accounts to assist in funding grant proposals with which the Grange Loan Fund is unable to assist. It was decided this would help out with the plan for distribution of future funds from Asset Management accounts.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM.

Thursday, May 26, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by Chair Shirley Baker. Roll call of Executive Committee members: Chair Shirley Baker, Leo Bergeron, Jon Luvaas, Inger Bevans, and Bob McFarland present. Members absent are Martha Stefenoni and Larry Kroger. The pledge of allegiance was led by Shirley Baker.

A motion was made by Jon Luvaas to approve the agenda, with a second by Bob McFarland. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion made by Bob McFarland to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2011 as corrected. A second was made by Jon Luvaas. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Lisa Burke reported on the progress made by the Financial Assistance committee. The committee consists of Bob McFarland, Shirley Baker and Lisa Burke. A subordinate Grange would send a request for assistance to the CSG and the committee will then determine which assets should be used to assist the subordinate Grange, whether it is from the Grange Building Fund, the Asset Management accounts, grants, etc. This item will be back with more information and defined guidelines.

CSG Office Manager Amy Self joined the meeting and reported on the financials, delinquent Granges, the 2009 audit, and the 2010 taxes.

The CSG President Bob McFarland gave the Master's Report, which highlighted all that he has accomplished since the last Executive Committee meeting.

Lunch recess was called at 11:45AM. The meeting reconvened at 12:45PM.

Unfinished Business

A motion was made by Jon Luvaas that the proposal for the distribution of assets from the consolidation of the Springfield/Prunedale Granges, per the letter of May 15th is approved, contingent that a written understanding is provided by the surviving Grange that the interest earned by the asset management account is retained in that account. Grant requests will be screened by the CSG and forwarded for subsequent approval, then returned to CSG for final approval. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. Motion was carried 4- 0-1 abstention.

A discussion of several Granges and their problems occurred.

A motion was by Jon Luvaas to have the CSG President assume the title of the Lake Earl Grange hall with or without their cooperation or alternatively Lake Earl Grange is to execute and comply with the new note. A second to the

motion was made by Leo Bergeron. Motion was carried 5-0.

A briefing of the current status of the 2011 CSG Convention was given by Cheri Bunker. John Luvaas suggested we check with local producers for veggies & meats. Inger Bevans suggested having a voting paddle for the voting delegates, colored coded. Cherie Bunker suggested that the showcase winner be paid at the time the participants pick up their entries.

New Business

There was a discussion about the Redwood Grange and their plan to allow the Redcrest Volunteer Fire Department to build a firehouse on the Redwood Grange property. CSG President will contact the Redwood Grange and make sure the Grange is protected.

Leo Bergeron will investigate the possibility of a blanket insurance policy to cover the CSG Youth Fair program and report back to the CSG Executive Committee at the next meeting.

Next meeting of the CSG Executive Committee will be Saturday, July 16, 2011, at 9:00AM.

Saturday, July 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by Chair Shirley Baker. Roll call of Executive Committee members: Chair Shirley Baker, Leo Bergeron, Inger Bevans, Martha Stefenoni and Bob McFarland present. Members absent are Jon Luvaas and Larry Kroger. The pledge of allegiance was led by Shirley Baker. Thermalito Grange Master & CSG Youth Director Rosemary Fielder was introduced.

A motion was made by Leo Bergeron to approve the agenda, as corrected, with a second by Bob McFarland. Motion carried 5-0. With a time certain of 11:15AM regarding the Prunedale/Springfield issue.

At 10:05AM, Frank and Marian Nichols joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Bob McFarland to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2011 as corrected. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. Motion carried 5 – 0 - 1 abstention.

CSG President Bob McFarland reported in the GFAP Grange Financial Assistance Program. A Grange in good standing covers current per capita, current IRS & FTB status, and Secretary of State non profit status is current. **A motion was made by Bob McFarland to correct and finalize the plans for the GFAP. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

CSG Office Manager Amy Self joined the meeting and reported the 1st quarter per capita received and have been entered. She is getting all work done for the audit, which starts Monday, July 18th.

The CSG President Bob McFarland gave the Master's Report, which highlighted all that he has accomplished since the last Executive Committee meeting.

Delinquent Grange report was given by CSG President Bob McFarland. It was suggested to Lookout Grange, was to suspend the charter until the current President is in better health and can re-organize the membership.

A motion made by Leo Bergeron to suspend the charter of the Lookout Grange and do a full audit of all accounts and monies. A second was made by Inger Bevans. Motion carried 5 – 0.

There are several checks from AR accounts that will not be sent out to various Granges that are behind in dues, to cover what is owed to the CSG.

Honey Lake Valley Grange currently owes approximately \$1,500.00 to cover their dues. They have a loan of \$40,000.00 for the roof. They have paid 3 payments and are almost caught up on loan payments. A motion made by Leo Bergeron to forgive Honey Lake Valley Grange's past dues on the basis that as of the 3^d quarter of 2011, they begin to file and pay their dues and their loan payments as per agreement. A second was made by Martha Stefenoni. Motion carried 4 – 1.

A motion was made by Bob McFarland to assist Honey Lake Valley Grange with their legal issues, not to exceed \$5,000.00. A second was made by Martha Stefenoni. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Biggs Community Grange will have a re-organization meeting on Thursday, July 21st

Rutherford Grange advised the check is in the mail, and they lost 50 applications.

DeSabra Grange owes 7 quarters in dues, problems with P.G. & E., etc. DeSabra is also suspended by the Secretary of State's office. A motion was made by Shirley Baker that the DeSabra Grange, being behind 7 quarters on per capita, and they have been suspended by the Secretary of State's office, that they be suspended, until they can be re-vitalized. A second was made Martha Stefenoni. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Clovis-Sanger-Fowler Grange was re-organized. They are currently behind on per capita. Bob McFarland will check status and report at next meeting.

A motion made by Shirley Baker to not re-organize or create a new Grange unless we know that they are able to pay their dues. A second was made by Inger Bevans. Motion was withdrawn by maker.

Meeting was called to 11:15AM time certain agenda item.

Jon Luvaas joined the meeting via phone at 11:16AM. The Springfield & Prunedale Granges are not accepting the motion of the last EC meeting by Jon Luvaas. The parties involved cannot come to accordance with this issue. As such, there is no need for further discussion. This issue has been going on since December 2010. The National Master has stated that ALL parties must agree. For all intents and purposes, we are at an impasse.

Inger Bevans is speaking as a representative for both the Prunedale & the Springfield Granges. Consolidation was contingent upon the approval of the distribution of the funds. Inger Bevans insists there has been a violation of National By-Laws. Leo Bergeron stated the EC is to manage the operation for the benefit of the Grange as a whole. Therefore, as it is not agreed upon, the consolidation approval is withdrawn, and the Springfield will have to go back into session and meet. If they do not, their charter will be suspended until the Springfield Grange can be re-organized. Martha Stefenoni asked to be caught up on the situation, as she had missed the last 2 meetings. Inger Bevans stated that we don't want the EC to be held individually responsible for violation of the Digest with the demand for that one item. Shirley Baker stated the EC does not believe they are in violation. Bob McFarland stated that if this is appealed to the National Master, the National Master will make a ruling and the CSG will stand by that decision. The EC directs the CSG Master to advise the Springfield and Prunedale Granges regarding the consolidation of the Springfield and Prunedale Granges, the two granges and the EC are not able to reach an agreement, therefore there is no approval for the consolidation.

Agreement from Shirley Baker, Jon Luvaas, Leo Bergeron, & Bob McFarland, and one no vote from Martha Stefenoni, and Inger Bevans abstained.

Jon Luvaas left the meeting.

Cheri Bunker gave a report of the 2011 Annual Convention. Discussion of the problems with the food vendor and

Butte County Granges will be doing the food. There was a discussion of the various hotels.

Bob McFarland discussed the Ag School. He has been working with Leo Bergeron on this project. They have had several meetings, with another one planned for next Saturday. Bob has been doing a lot of checking, via internet and other resources, and the trend appears to be towards sustainable & organic farming. They will be looking for a good location to start an Ag School. There was a discussion about also doing a charter type school.

Leo Bergeron discussed the liability insurance for the Youth Fair. It is a similar type program to the 4-H in Del Norte County. Quite reasonable rates that would be sponsored by the CSG and the participants would be responsible for paying for the policy. **A motion was made by Bob McFarland to have Leo continue working on this project and provide information that can be given out to the membership. A second was made by Martha Stefenoni. Motion was carried 5 – 0.**

There was a recess for lunch at 12:18PM. We reconvened from lunch at 12:35 PM.

Rosemary Fielder, CSG Youth Director, discussed the agreement between the youth and the El Camino Grange to assist them with helping fix their hall in return, they will be taught canning, drying, and other “homey” type endeavors. Rosemary and Bob discussed all the fun they had at Family Camp this year. There was great food, great camp location, and a lot of fun.

Independent Grange Loan Request: No info listed about the contractors, as to whether they are licensed and insured, and there are no written bids and they are currently suspended by IRS. **A motion made by Martha Stefenoni that the EC directs the CSG Master to notify the Independent Grange the package was incomplete as it did not include itemized proposals on contractor’s letterhead, including license numbers and the IRS non profit status needs to be reinstated before the request can be approved. A second was made by Shirley Baker. The motion carried 5 – 0.**

GIA: per a letter from Ed Luttrell, the GIA will be cut by at least 20%, this equals about \$28,000.00 we will not be receiving. Martha suggested the budget committee start thinking about a contingency fund that would be available to use when times get harder.

E-membership was discussed. Membership is gained through the National Grange website. Annual dues are \$12.00, state portion is \$7.50. Currently there are 16 members, nationwide. There are very limited benefits to the members. **A motion was made by Shirley Baker to have the CSG President move forward with advertising the e-membership in a remote area and a budget of \$500.00. A second was made by Martha Stefenoni. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Bob McFarland gave the Master’s Report.

At 1:21 PM, Overseer Martha Stefenoni left the meeting.

A motion was made by Leo Bergeron to have the CSG President seek out the individual that has been paid for the Healdsburg Grange for the past several years, and demand restitution. A second was made by Shirley Baker. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Membership has grown from 1st quarter 2010, 8309 members, and in First quarter 2011, 8556 members. We have 13 new Granges formed this year. Bob concluded his report.

Inger Bevans discussed the IRS Revoked Granges and those that are suspended by the Secretary of State. It will be a long arduous journey to get these Granges back on track. We will need people available to help out the 50+ Granges that have been revoked.

Inger Bevans discussed the policy handbook, for the EC. **A motion was made by Shirley Baker to approve the**

changes presented at this meeting, to the EC Handbook. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Jay Hartz submitted the Journal of Proceedings from the 2010 Convention. This item will be tabled until next meeting.

Prunedale Grange submitted request for a take out 25,000 from Asset Management, to re-roof, and a few other things. **A motion was made by Leo Bergeron to allow the monies disbursed. A second was made by Bob McFarland. Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Lake Earl Grange is claiming hardship. They are unable to pay more than \$100.00 per month. CSG President was directed to take title of the building and put the EC on the list of officers.

The next meeting will be Saturday, August 27, 2011 at 10:00AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM.

Saturday, August 27, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM, by Chairwoman Shirley Baker. Roll call of Executive Committee members was taken with all present, except for Jon Luvaas, who called advising traffic problems and Larry Kroger, who had sent in his resignation. Brother Frank Nichols and CSG Treasurer Marian Nichols were also present. Shirley Baker led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A motion made by Martha Stefenoni to approve the agenda as presented. A second was made by Bob McFarland. The motion carried 5-0.

EC member Jon Luvaas arrived at 9:20AM.

A motion by Bob McFarland to approve the EC meetings minutes of July 16, 2011 as corrected. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. The motion was carried 5-0-1.

The delinquent Granges were discussed showing down from 35 to 9. Sonora, DeSabla, Happy Camp, Riverdale, Biggs Community, Lucerne Valley, Browns Creek, Fairfax and James Ranch are behind by 2 quarters or more. Lookout and DeSabla Granges have been suspended. The Property Committee will be doing a re-organization meeting at Lookout Grange. The EC had requested an audit be completed for Lookout Grange at a previous meeting.

Leo Bergeron advised the members of Happy Camp are looking to revitalize their Grange.

Leo Bergeron advised that a survey for the insurance for the Youth Fair Grangers should be sent out by the State Office. Leo and Bob will work on the survey.

Cheri Bunker gave an update on the 2011 Palermo Convention. The Oroville Union High School will be doing the food. Shirley asked if we could send out a request for Butte County Grangers that would be willing to let other members stay at their homes.

At 9:57AM, Beth Lewis, the Master of Hessel Grange and Bill and Patty Allen, joined the meeting to discuss the time certain issue about Hessel Grange. Bill discussed the improvements made and planned by the current members of Hessel Grange. Beth Lewis discussed some of the problems they are having with the Grange building and grounds.

A motion made by Bob McFarland that the CSG start a pilot program, beginning in January 2012, to partner with the Hessel Grange and assist them with 2 events per year, for 2 years with the funds going to pay off the current debt to the CSG and interest be suspended for the 2 year period. There will be a written M.O.U. to detail this agreement. A second was made by Jon Luvaas. The motion was carried 6 - 0.

Beth Lewis, Bill and Patty Allen left the meeting, happier, at 10:27AM.

Amy Self joined the meeting to discuss the financial report. The budget column will show the actual annual budget instead of a particular month. The Foundation audit is complete. The CSG budget is still in progress and will be done prior

to convention. Shirley requested the audit be completed by mid-September with recommendations and if that presents a problem, we would like to know why.

It was suggested to replace the budget column on the financials with the actual annual budget numbers. This will give correct variance percentages.

The National Grange has collected a \$1.00 Convention Assessment per member for several years. The NG collects for all members including those listed as affiliate and associates, which is also included in the fraternal amount. Leo Bergeron requested that the term of this assessment be determined, as he believes it had an ending date. The CSG office will take care of this and report back.

Chairwoman Shirley Baker appointed a committee consisting of Bob McFarland, Marian Nichols and Amy Self to set policy for the Grange Hall Property Management.

Bob McFarland brought up Wisteria Hall loan. It currently stands at \$400,000.00. **A motion was made by Bob McFarland to make a note to pay down the Wisteria Debt at no more than 2% per annum, with a 15 year term, beginning Jan. 2012. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. The motion was carried 6 – 0.**

Cheri Bunker presented the proposed budget for 2012. After a few changes, everyone was pleased. **A motion was made by Bob McFarland to approve the budget as amended. A second was made by Jon Luvaas. The motion was carried 6 – 0.** CSG Master Bob thanked the budget committee for their hard work.

A recess was called for lunch at 12:15PM.

The meeting reconvened at 12:45PM.

Bob McFarland gave the Master's Report. Topics varied from herd sharing to the various Granges visited by Master Bob this past month.

Master Bob also discussed the Ag School project. He has contacted several members and a few professionals to discuss the various ideas. He wants to put together some type of presentation to go to the CSG Convention delegates.

Inger Bevans discussed the problems with the Granges that have lost their tax-exempt status. There are several Granges and there has not been a sense of urgency for these Granges to get these forms filled out. There are currently 52 Granges that are not in compliance with the IRS or the Secretary of State's office or Franchise Tax Board. She is currently working with 2 Granges to get them straightened out.

Honey Lake Valley Grange has an attorney and is getting all the paperwork in order to go before the County Board of Supervisors and seek recourse.

Lake Earl Grange is currently out of compliance and we are waiting for the reviver to get the SI-100 to take possession of the property and they will be sent a "quit claim deed" to get the property over to the CSG.

Roeding Grange has the reviver form submitted, so we can dissolve it.

Napa Grange we are retrieving funds and closing safety deposit box. There were funds that came through the mail. Master Bob will check further.

Independent Grange is out of compliance with the IRS & Secretary of State, therefore their loan request cannot be granted.

Prunedale Grange has another request for funds for roof repair. **A motion was made by Leo Bergeron to approve the request for funds from the Prunedale Grange to repair the roof of the Youth Center. A second was made by Bob McFarland. Motion was carried 5 – 0 – 1.**

Big Valley Grange is requesting a loan to repair the roof. **A motion was made by Martha Stefenoni to consolidate the current loan with the additional funds requested for a total of \$30,000.00 at 3% for 7 years. The motion was second by Bob McFarland. The motion was carried 6 – 0.**

A motion made by Martha Stefenoni to encourage Big Valley Grange to pay off the additional \$15,000.00 loaned with any grant money received. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. The motion was carried 6 – 0.

Martha Stefenoni discussed a "Long Term Care" program she would like to propose as a member benefit of the Grange members. Shirley Baker asked for more information about this program before any actions is taken.

Master Bob brought up the "collateral" that was offered by Prunedale and Redwood Valley Granges for the Wisteria loan.

Chairwoman Shirley brought up the future of the State Grange, with all the financial down turns and increase costs. She suggested taking an extra day to discuss the possibilities available to increase our income. She also talked about

moving back into the other building, or outright selling the property. Jon Luvaas agreed it would be a good idea to have an extra day to look at options available. Leo Bergeron agreed and discussed that in the old days it was sustained on membership. The proposed budget takes money away from the membership and the public relations from which membership is garnered. After the last day of the convention, at the EC meeting a date will be chosen to have this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM.

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Palermo Grange Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 PM, by Chairwoman Shirley Baker. Roll call of Executive Committee members was taken with all present. The pledge of allegiance was not done because there was no flag present.

A motion made by Martha Stefenoni to approve the agenda as presented. A second was made by Leo Bergeron. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion by Leo Bergeron to approve the EC meetings minutes of August 27, 2011 as corrected. A second was made by Bob McFarland. The motion was carried 6-0.

Unfinished Business

Springfield/Prunedale issue is in arbitration.

CSG Master Bob McFarland will write the memorandum of understanding for the repayment from the Hessel Grange.

The CSG will be hiring a private investigator to follow up the situation with Healdsburg Grange.

There has been no response from the Redwood Grange, with regards to the Fire Department building a garage.

Cheri Bunker gave an update on the 2011 Palermo Convention.

New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM

IV

Section IV

Reports of Directors

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CALIFORNIA GRANGE AG. SCHOOL

Convention Panel Presentation

October 13th, 2011

The Value of a California Grange Ag. School

Small-scale, diversified family farms and agriculture is the foundation of America's economy and the cultural heritage of the country and the Grange. We face a dramatic need to attract new and young farmers, as the majority of farmers today are reaching retirement age and there are very few Americans who can replace them. So few farms exist that traditional intergenerational farmer education is insufficient to meet the requirements of training a new generation of farmers. The public demand on existing beginning farmer programs far outstrips supply by those programs.

The Ag. School would promote the Grange name and grow membership. An Ag. School aligns perfectly with the mission and goals of the Grange fraternal order to support the vitality and development of agricultural communities. The Grange Ag. School's activities, products, and services can put a highly visible and interactive face on the Grange. The Grange will have a pronounced, tangibly relevant, and reputable presence in the communities that it exists within and serves. The adult and youth participants of the Ag. Schools, and the communities it engages, will be compelled to join the Grange fraternal order and support its mission through activities related to the Ag. School.

Grangers and beginning farmers, state-wide, will have the opportunity to receive intensive workshop training at their home Grange locations. Grangers will also have the opportunity to visit the Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange and Little Lake Grange and participate in custom instruction in how to develop agricultural education and community development programming back in their home Granges. Beginning farmer workshops and train-the-trainer opportunities for CA Grangers will range between weekend intensive workshops and 6 -18 month residency programs. A goal of the project is to propagate the Ag. School model, working intimately with those CA State Granges that wish to develop an Ag. School in their community.

Grange Ag. School Programming

Grange Ag. School activities will be designed to serve membership interests related to local food production, processing, distribution, marketing, and provisioning. Ag. School programming will focus on engaging youth grangers and adults in agricultural literacy programs and agricultural related arts and sciences education. Ag. School activities will also serve to improve food access and nutrition for each community's most vulnerable, including the poor, the elderly, and the food insecure. Lastly, the Ag. School's farms will provide excellent recreational space for Grangers to hold outdoor celebrations and various social events.

The Grange Ag. School will apply a 'dirt-under-the-fingernails', experiential approach to teaching and learning about agriculture. The Ag. School's curriculum will have two areas of emphasis: training for beginning farmers and professional development for agricultural educators. The Grange Ag. School will train-the-trainers

and develop agricultural education and community development

programming at Granges across the state of California. The Live Oak Grange will serve as the incubator hub, developing the workshops and internship programming that is then offered to Grangers to implement programming at their home Grange. The Little Lake Grange, with its strong existing programs, serves as a model satellite Grange Ag. School, and the two granges will partner intensively.

The initial phase of the Ag. School development will be the production of workshops and a state-wide internship program. The last phase will be the expansion of the instructional farm facilities and instructional partnerships with local farmers throughout the state. Academic credit will be available through students' home institutions. Additionally, credits can be arranged through the UC campus Extension, CSU, and CCC Extension offices.

Grange Ag. School Team of Instructors

The instructor team responsible for insuring the success of the project consists of agricultural education professionals who have worked at the University of California - Davis, Santa Cruz, and Berkeley campuses. The UC Davis and Santa Cruz campuses have successful sustainable agriculture training programs and facilities that are over 30 years old and are reputed as the national leaders in the field. The Grange Ag. School team and its board of directors consists of the lead instructors and directors from these programs, individuals with 30+ year professional careers doing this work. Damian Parr, the project director, has both studied and worked professionally with UCD and UCSC staff and faculty for the last 20 years. Additionally, Parr is the co-founder and Executive Director of the national Sustainable Agriculture Education Association.

The core instructors of the Ag. School are:

- Damian Parr, Ph.D., Director of Sustainable Agriculture Education Association former postdoctoral fellow, UC Davis
- Antonia Partridge, Director of Brookside School Farm, Willits
- Jim Leap, Organic Program Field Research technician, USDA/ARS Salinas former Instructor, UC Santa Cruz Farm and Garden Apprenticeship Program
- Albie Miles, Ph.D, Agroecology, UC Berkeley, former instructor UC Santa Cruz Farm and Garden Apprenticeship Program

The first phase (years 1 & 2) of the project will be non-residential, with workshops and internships taking place across the state at Grange halls and their nearby farms. In the final implementation phase (year 3), students will reside on-farm in housing paid by the students, but organized by the Grange Ag. School. Tuition is charged using a sliding scale. Financially privileged students will pay the full cost of the educational programming. Students without financial means will receive scholarships amounting to as much as the full tuition.

Grange Ag. School Development and Cost

The cost of starting a Grange Ag. School is \$100,000 for the first year, and roughly \$100,000 per year, for two subsequent years, offset by grants, tuition, and sales from produce. Initially, start-up funding will come from the CA State Grange,

Foundation grants, as well as Federal & State Grants.

The 1st year's expenses will be divided between the teaching team's salaries to develop workshop and internship curriculum (75%) and travel, piloting the workshops across the state (25%). The 2nd year's expenses will be divided between revising and delivering the workshops and internship program, and initiating the hands-on farm curriculum and instructional facilities at the Live Oak and Little Lake Granges. The 3rd year's expenses will shift away from the workshops and internships (25%), as they become financially self-reliant, and towards further establishing the on-farm instructional programming (75%). After year three, tuition and produce revenue will cover salaries and facilities expenses for workshops, internships, and the on-farm programming.

At the farm-campus, a wide diversity of vegetables, fruits, flowers, and animal products will be produced for sale through farmers' markets, farm stands, and Community Supported Agriculture subscription schemes. A range of livestock will also be raised for sale. After year 3, revenues from produce and related sales will constitute ~30% of income towards covering annual budgeted expenses. The remaining expenses will be covered by tuition (70%).

Grange Ag. School Board of Directors

Damian Parr, Ph.D. (Director of Grange Ag. School), Executive Director

Sustainable Agriculture Education Association. Live Oak Grange President

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Legislative Affairs Director's Report

October 13, 2011

WORTHY CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT, BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

Thank you very much. It's a pleasure to be here today @ the Palermo Grange. And thank you for the opportunity to represent the California State Grange. I'm going to give you just a brief overview of the Grange's Legislative Affairs' work since your October 2010 meeting.

At your last meeting, you considered **68 Resolutions** and **adopted 20**. Of the 20, **14** called for some type of action by **some level of government**; **5** for action at the **federal level**, **8** for action at the **state level**, and **1** called for action at the **local level**. Government Relations took some type of action on each of the 14.

The **5 of the 14** Resolutions that called for action at the **federal government** level dealt with such subjects as the prohibition of the patenting of genetically modified seed, a lobbying ban on former members of Congress and their restriction to Medicare; and amending the Constitution to declare that corporations are not persons. These Resolutions were sent to the National Grange meeting as will be reported on in the Masters Address tomorrow.

The **8 of the 14** that called for action at the **state government** level dealt with such subjects as the reduced use of animal antibiotics, the labeling of genetically modified salmon, the banning of the pesticide methyl iodide, the use of farm volunteers, the Light Brown Apple Moth eradication program, legislators hiring restrictions, state budgeting, and expansion of the primary election ballot.

The **1** Resolution calling for **local government** action related to the right to have backyard chickens.

At a minimum, Legislative Affairs took action on the resolutions calling for state action including bringing the Resolution to the attention of the legislators representing the Grange the Resolution came from in the hope that the legislator would introduce legislation to deal with the issue raised by the Resolution. The action probably also included participation in meetings with other interested parties and organizations, in an effort to leverage support for some type of governmental action to address the issue. It might also have included a meeting with a Cabinet Secretary and, when those issue-raising activities were successful, it may also have included the presentation of testimony before a legislative committee by President McFarland or me on a specific bill or issue.

If a vote of a committee of the Legislature on a bill consistent with a Resolution was scheduled, Government Relations met with the staff of the members of the Committee prior to the vote. If a vote of the legislature on a bill consistent with a Resolution was scheduled, government Relations met with staff of key legislators and the Grange sent its membership an email Alert to contact their member of the legislature in favor of the bill. If a bill favored by the Grange passed the legislature, the action included a meeting with a member of the Governor's staff followed by an email Alert to the Grange membership asking them to contact him in favor of the bill.

Among the Resolutions dealing with state government, the one calling for labeling of genetically modified salmon took up the major portion of Legislative Affairs energy and time this year. This work included finding a member of the legislature to introduce a bill requiring labeling, getting bill language drafted, visiting with members staffs to brief them on the bill, and preparation and delivery of testimony in support of the bill. **AB 88** was introduced by Assembly member Jared Huffman of Marin; it failed to come out of the Assembly Health Committee this year and will be taken up again by the Committee when the 2012 legislature convenes in January. Government Relations will continue to work for passage of this bill.

Legislative Affairs also devoted a significant effort for passage of **SB 676** to permit the production of industrial hemp by California farmers. This bill, as were its predecessors in two previous legislative sessions that would implement a Grange Resolution adopted in 2001 to permit the production of industrial hemp in California, was introduced by Senator Mark Leno of San Francisco. It passed the legislature and was sent to the Governor for his signature. [10/13/11 – The Governor vetoed this bill]

Legislative Affairs also worked for passage by the Sacramento City Council of an Ordinance that would permit **The Keeping of Hen Chickens** which was adopted by the Council on August 30. Again, thank you for the opportunity to represent the California State Grange.
Mike Greene, *CDS Consulting*

GWA Director's Annual Report 2011

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange.

The Grange Women's Activities theme this year is "Growing with Kindness".

GWA'S reported on volunteer hours this year were 38,189. As we give of our time I know there are many more volunteer hours donated but not reported.

This year we donated \$500.00 to the Shriner's Hospital and \$400.00 to St. Jude Children's Hospital receiving letters of appreciation. The Dictionary Project of giving 3rd grade students a Dictionary of their own is gratefully appreciated. Also this year GWA started making Little Dresses for the children of Africa.

State Contributions: Marinoff Memorial Scholarship was \$135.00, Kelly Farms \$92.00 and Make a Wish 117.00. The Women's March will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Community Projects are many and here are some of those projects:

New clothing for needy family's, Farmers Markets, Food Banks or Pantry's, Hats for the Homeless & Hospice. ABC quilts, Cancer fund raisings, Toys, Games, & Craft Supplies, Books, Tapes, CDs & DVDs for the Shriner's Hospital, Christmas Baskets or gift cards for groceries, gifts for children, and the list goes on.

GWA has many fund raisers to help with their many projects and also to help support their granges.

Helmet liners, cooling neck scarves, cards and letters, packages & prayers are sent to our troops oversea and in Afghanistan.

The Pleasant Valley GWA received an American Flag folded into 3 points and a certificate of appreciation. This flag is dedicated to Pleasant Valley Grange #675 Woman's Activity for their support of the Soldiers fighting the war against terrorism. The Flag was flown in Afghanistan.

Thanks for giving of your time to our great organization.

Betty Eyer
GWA State Director

Showcase Report

Thank you, Grangers, for your participation in the 2011 Showcase. This year was my first convention & first Showcase. I was amazed at the creative, and meticulous work that fellow Grangers submitted for entry. At the end of Showcase, prize ribbons were given to placing class winners. Listed below are the Premium winners (1st, 2nd, & 3rd). Premium winners, your subordinate Grange Master will be sent your prize check. We hope to have them all sent by the end of January 2012. Congratulations to this year's winners!

Grangers, I look forward to next year and seeing all of your creative (and often tasty) work.

#	Division	Placing in Division	Winners
300	Miscellaneous	1	Sue Di Vecchia
		2	Tara Logan
		3	BJ Fitzpatrick
312	Veggies	1	Cyndee Logan
		2	Cyndee Logan
370	Photography	1	Donna Pacini-Christiansen
		2	Mark Lane
		3	Bailey Grueber
440	Apple Pie	1	Barbara Taylor
		2	Marlene Hogaboom
		3	Lola Adamczak
450	Hog Calling	1	Conelius O'Quinn
460	Pickle	1	BJ Fitzpatrick
		2	Lois Trumbull
		3	Lois Trumbull
470	Pumpkin Carving	1	Sharon Taylor
		2	Tara Logan
480	From the Farm	1	Sharon Taylor
		2	Tara Logan
490	Pomona Pie Eating	1	Sharon Taylor
		2	Tara Logan
		3	Brandon Nebbit
***	Sweepstakes	Adult	BJ Fitzpatrick
		Youth	Mark Lane
		Junior	Zakera Smith
35	Junior Theme Craft	Youth	Taylor Edmondson
		Junior	Lizabeth Mayer
100	GYF	1	Bailey Minaran/Miarcin
		2	Mark Lane
105	GYF All around	1	Mark Lane
390	Ag Mech & Industrial	1	Mark Lane
430	Woodworking	1	Ron Enos
		1	Prakashini Govindasamy
		2	Zakara Smith
		2	BJ Fitzpatrick
		2	Mark Lane
		3	Mark Lane
		3	Prakashini Govindasamy

		3	American River Grange
10	Fine Arts	1	Denise Athy
		2	Sharon Taylor
		3	Marlene Hogaboom
20	Artisan Crafts	1	BJ Fitzpatrick
		2	Shirley Thomas
40	Creative Writing	1	Donna Pacini-Christiansen
		2	Marvin Smith
		3	Beth Lewis
120	Memories Collection	1	Charley Betschart
		2	Ava Zampatti
		3	Lois Trumbull
125	Scrapbooks	1	Susan Ramick
		2	Mark Lane
		3	Jo Hines
400	Computer Design	1	Mark Lane
		2	Mark Lane
33	General Crafts	1	BJ Fitzpatrick
		2	Mark Lane
		3	Lola Adamczak
80	Floriculture	1	Mark Lane
		2	Sharon Taylor
		3	Lois Trumbull
150	Quick Bread	1	Lola Adamczak
		2	Barbara Chism
		3	Cathy Jaborsky
152	Cookie	1	Lola Adamczak
		2	Barbara Chism
		3	Lois Trumbull
160	Candy	1	Barbara Chism
		2	Carol Serpa
		3	Louise Palmer
180	Fruit	1	Cathy Jaborsky
		2	Connie Souza
		3	Marlene Hogaboom
184	Pickled Foods	1	BJ Fitzpatrick
		2	Marlene Hogaboom
		3	Cathy Jaborsky
185	Jams/Jellies	1	Lisa Thomas
		2	Anita Fortner
		3	Jane Kachel
210	Needlearts	1	Lola Adamczak
		2	Susan Megeath
		3	Carol Serpa
220	Quilts/Comforters (Machine)	1	Auda Hill
		2	Paulette Pfannenstiel
		3	Zahara Smith
230	Weaving/Mixed/Misc	1	Taylor Edmondson
		2	William Knox
		3	Susan Megeath
240	Sewing	1	Auda Hill

		2	Emily Lewis
		3	Zakera Smith

**	Luella Crandell Butterfly	Adult	Lola Adamczak
		Youth	Tara Logan
		Junior	Taylor Edmondson

Talent Contest

There were three entries in the Youth Category of the CSG Lecturer’s Talent Contest. Teddy Fackrell from the Marshall Grange took first place with an outstanding keyboard performance of the opening of the Phantom of the Opera, played wearing a vampire cape and mask, followed by a professional performance in full tux of a classical piece by Chopin. Jack Loeprich from the Pleasant Valley made everyone laugh with a musical comedy piece about a pea, which tied for second place with the Tarlesson Youth from the West Yolo Grange, who did a beautiful African song and dance.

There were six contestants in the Adult Category. First place was taken by a high energy rock-n-roll group, the Virals, from the Thermalito Grange that had everyone bouncing in their seats. Nancy Gordon-Hugman from the Marshall Grange took second place with her lovely and meaningful poetry, and third place was won by a fabulous accordion player, Cathy Schaer from the West Yolo Grange. Dancers from the West Yolo Grange teamed up with folks from Little Lake Grange as the group Body Percussion, which took fourth place. Fifth place was taken by Shannyn Fleak from the Pleasant Valley Grange for her a cappella performance of Fleetwood Macs, Landside.

A good time was had by all and Teddy will represent the CSG at the Evening of Excellence at the National Grange Convention in Oklahoma.

Variety Show

The Variety Show began with Master Bob McFarland singing a heartwarming song he had written especially for the convention, “We are the Grange”. Donna Paccini and Tim Christensen from the Woodbridge Grange followed with a couple of wonderfully done folk songs, and then Cornelius O’Quinn of the Marshall Grange got the crowd laughing with his rendition of the classic children’s tale, Rindercella. Barbara Geiger from the Prunedale Grange read an essay about how gentlemen used to treat a lady as compared to today. Trudie Martin and Frank Nichols got the audience laughing again with one of their classical musical skits about buckets and Rich Saxe from the Aromas Grange wowed everyone with his outstanding magic tricks. The evening ended with Lecturer Buzz Chernoff inviting Lecture elect BJ Fitzpatrick along with all the musicians and want to be musicians up on the stage for a rousing rendering of the CSG’s favorite song, Home Grown Tomatoes. The audience left with smiles in their hearts and the tune of Home Grown Tomatoes in their heads.



Section V

Financial Reports

Budget for Fiscal Year 2012

2012 Budget Proposal

	2009 <i>Actual</i> <i>Unaudited</i>	2010 <i>Adopted</i> <i>Budget</i>	2010 <i>Revised</i> <i>Budget</i>	2010 <i>Actual</i> <i>Unaudited</i>	2011 <i>Adopted</i> <i>Budget</i>	2012 <i>Proposed</i> <i>Budget</i>
INCOME						
General Fund	266,416.18	245,740.00	245,740.00	261,890.45	255,247.00	254,873.00
Cost of Goods Sold	(1,293.04)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(2,575.90)	(1,000.00)	(2,800.00)
GIA Service Agreement	188,650.00	188,650.00	173,250.00	173,250.00	143,798.00	115,000.00
Membership	182.50	6,639.00	3,000.00	547.50	4,846.00	3,000.00
Community Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deputies	-	-	-	-	-	-
GWA	3,356.35	5,700.00	5,700.00	3,644.60	7,600.00	6,600.00
Junior Grange				-	3,000.00	1,950.00
Youth Activities	2,941.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	3,400.00	3,300.00	2,000.00
Youth Fair				-	2,000.00	300.00
Family Health Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lecturer				-	500.00	1,300.00
Legislative	100.00	-	-	145.00	-	-
Convention Fund	20,741.45	10,000.00	10,000.00	13,366.52	20,630.00	20,930.00
Public Relations	15.00	-	-	-	-	-
Grange News	16,782.45	19,224.00	18,824.00	23,997.65	32,340.00	-
Public Relations/News						35,445.00
Rental Property	115,988.96	90,788.00	96,188.00	107,918.85	103,188.00	102,044.00
Other/Grange Hall Prop				35,447.21	16,500.00	4,800.00
GHL Fund *	5,388.00			8,629.25	-	-
Total	619,268.85	572,741.00	558,702.00	629,661.13	591,949.00	545,442.00
Durpray Legislative	-		-			
EXPENSES						
General Fund	474,388.11	381,188.00	395,528.00	386,170.11	433,776.00	411,464.00
Membership	4,016.78	6,639.00	2,000.00	4,622.94	4,846.00	3,000.00
Community Service		-	-	-	-	-
Deputies	2,793.36	5,000.00	5,300.00	3,190.88	4,100.00	5,950.00
GWA	6,083.03	5,700.00	5,700.00	4,746.77	7,600.00	6,600.00
Youth Activities	3,796.96	8,000.00	8,000.00	4,005.36	3,050.00	2,000.00
Junior Grange					3,000.00	1,950.00
Youth Fair					2,000.00	300.00
Family Health Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legislative	27,855.78	18,050.00	18,050.00	7,725.70	18,000.00	18,000.00
Lecturer	822.58			-	500.00	1,300.00
Dupray Legislative	285.82	-	-	-	-	-
Convention Fund	16,887.50	15,000.00	15,000.00	20,762.34	16,300.00	17,250.00
Public Relations	27,625.71	33,160.00	19,200.00	8,908.29	30,200.00	-
Grange News	40,910.50	38,547.00	41,415.00	40,644.12	15,700.00	-
Public Relations/News						43,100.00

Rental Property	38,164.65	22,500.00	29,500.00	40,337.08	33,500.00	31,400.00
Grange Hall Properties				25,151.95	8,650.00	725.00
Total	643,630.78	533,784.00	539,693.00	546,265.54	581,222.00	543,039.00
NET INCOME	(24,361.93)	38,957.00	19,009.00	83,395.59	10,727.00	2,403.00

* This amount is NOT to be used in the Budget, it is just here to reconcile actual numbers with Financials.

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	Actual	Adopted	Revision	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	
	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
General Fund (Dept. 50)							
Income							
Dues - Fraternal	199,891.11	184,500.00	199,260.00	200,208.68	210,224.00	210,868.00	1
Dues - Associate	1,945.50	3,140.00	3,454.00	1,959.00	3,400.00	3,240.00	2
Dues - Family					7,168.00	8,176.00	3
Dues - Affiliate					2,380.00	2,520.00	4
Dues - Youth					1,872.00	1,791.00	5
Dues - Golden Sheaf					998.00	940.00	6
Interest & Administration Fees	22,173.93	28,000.00	28,000.00	48,084.88	28,000.00	22,000.00	7
Family Camp					2,000.00	6,000.00	8
Interest - General	19,183.23	9,000.00	9,000.00	8,654.05	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Interest - Notes Rec	7,009.50	5,800.00	5,800.00	7,295.15	5,800.00	7,000.00	9
Donations - General	9,325.92	8,800.00	8,800.00	8,921.00	8,800.00	8,838.00	10
Dues Billing Service	3,503.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	2,642.04	1,500.00	3,000.00	11
Resale	2,817.59	2,900.00	2,900.00	1,663.76	2,900.00	3,000.00	
Special Services & Misc	55.22	-	-	242.89	-	-	
Prepaid Legal	332.22	-	-		-	-	
Recoveries (RAM)	178.96	-	-		-	-	
Grange News Allocation			(15,074.00)	(17,781.00)	(28,795.00)	(31,500.00)	12
Subtotal Income	266,416.18	245,740.00	245,740.00	261,890.45	255,247.00	254,873.00	
GIA Service Agreement-Income	188,650.00	188,650.00	173,250.00	173,250.00	143,798.00	115,000.00	
Total Income				435,140.45	399,045.00	369,873.00	
Total Cost of Goods Sold	(1,293.04)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(2,575.90)	(1,000.00)	(2,800.00)	
Expenses							
Salary/State Master	49,348.32	40,800.00	40,800.00	39,533.35	36,000.00	36,000.00	13
Staff Salary	68,492.51	78,000.00	78,000.00	73,960.80	90,000.00	91,200.00	14
Benefits	12,847.53	13,380.00	13,380.00	17,754.14	20,000.00	18,000.00	
Payroll Taxes	15,479.68	9,200.00	9,200.00	10,487.83	10,000.00	13,680.00	15
Temp Staff	15,270.75	-	-		-	-	
Total Audit & Accounting	2,200.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	1,650.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	16
Automobile Expense	4,382.66	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,494.44	2,000.00	750.00	17
Awards & Gifts	1,266.95	700.00	700.00	1,086.02	700.00	400.00	
Bad Debts	23,730.97	500.00	500.00	7,666.84	500.00	400.00	
Bank Fees	4,957.62	700.00	5,500.00	2,849.60	2,600.00	2,600.00	18
Conferences & Meetings	4,177.61	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,451.82	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Donations	250.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	900.00	500.00	-	
Dues Billings Expense	2,375.24	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,124.52	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	1,051.20	800.00	800.00	865.55	800.00	400.00	19
Fees						600.00	20
Equipment Leases	11,341.14	12,000.00	12,000.00	11,588.89	12,000.00	7,200.00	21

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	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
Fairs & Trade Shows	-	500.00	500.00		-	-	
Family Camp					2,000.00	6,000.00	8
Insurance - General	19,228.59	20,000.00	20,000.00	19,447.82	20,000.00	22,200.00	22
Insurance - Work/Comp	2,214.04	1,144.00	1,144.00	1,683.56	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Internet	4,144.61	1,200.00	1,200.00	4,251.07	840.00	1,600.00	23
Janitorial	1,137.15	720.00	10,260.00	3,628.80	3,450.00	3,450.00	24
Landscaping	4,900.00	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,375.00	2,000.00	1,800.00	
Legal	6,185.40	3,000.00	3,000.00	379.90	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Legal - Vista	33,776.38	-	-	295.00	-	-	
Licenses/Permits DMV	-	100.00	100.00	275.00	100.00	500.00	25
Moving/Storage/Misc	3,523.50	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,480.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	26
Dues - Nat'l - Fraternal	80,507.50	81,180.00	81,180.00	98,325.50	92,496.00	90,372.00	27
Dues - Nat'l - Associate	1,622.50	1,727.00	1,727.00	1,941.00	2,040.00	1,620.00	28
Dues - Nat'l Golden Sheaf					3,660.00	4,700.00	29
Dues - Nat'l - Family					3,072.00	3,504.00	30
Dues - Affiliate						1,080.00	
Dues - Nat'l - Youth					2,496.00	2,388.00	31
Nat'l Convention Assessment	1,412.21	8,800.00	8,800.00	8,868.00	8,812.00	9,000.00	32
Nation Convention - Travel/Gifts				2,887.25	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Office Expenses	5,253.64	6,000.00	6,000.00	7,915.77	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Postage/UPS	2,183.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,853.34	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Printing & Supplies	4,421.45	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,939.50	4,000.00	3,000.00	
Promotion	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Repairs/Maint. Bldg	3,958.97	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,434.79	5,000.00	3,500.00	
Computer Repair & Maint (website)	4,337.16	-		(488.37)	1,500.00	1,800.00	33
Equipment Repair & Maint	8,397.16	7,000.00	7,000.00	4,381.72	7,500.00	500.00	34
State Executive Comm.	3,699.79	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,537.43	3,000.00	1,000.00	
State Master/Travel Exp	12,453.55	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,810.70	12,000.00	9,000.00	
State Master - Housing	9,720.00	-	-		-	-	
State Lecturer Expense					500.00	1,300.00	
State Officers Expense	40.87	500.00	500.00	25.80	500.00	100.00	
State Secretary/Office	2,196.53	2,000.00	2,000.00	494.12	2,000.00	1,000.00	
Taxes - Property	11,455.68	12,737.00	12,737.00	5,447.86	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Telephone / Fax / Cells	2,730.63	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,180.98	5,660.00	5,520.00	35
Volunteer Work Days	-	-	-	122.89	-	-	
Travel - Staff	388.01	-	-	71.41	150.00	100.00	
Utilities	11,398.06	12,000.00	12,000.00	11,547.93	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Waste Mgmt					5,500.00	2,400.00	36
Uncatergorized Expense	4.06	-			-	-	
Subtotal Expenses	458,462.62	365,588.00	379,928.00	375,527.57	418,176.00	403,464.00	
Interest - Wisteria Note	15,925.49	15,600.00	15,600.00	10,642.54	15,600.00	8,000.00	37
TOTAL EXPENSES	474,388.11	381,188.00	395,528.00	386,170.11	433,776.00	411,464.00	
NET	(207,971.93)	(135,448.00)	(149,788.00)	48,970.34	(34,731.00)	(41,591.00)	

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	Actual	Adopted	Revision	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	
	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
Membership Development (Dept. 100)							
Income							
Donations	182.50			547.50	-	-	
Transfer from GBO		6,639.00	3,000.00	-	4,846.00	3,000.00	38
Total Income	182.50	6,639.00	3,000.00	547.50	4,846.00	3,000.00	
Expenses							
Lodging	622.95			-	-	-	
Meals	327.02			-	-	-	
Member Development	195.79	4,639.00		1,498.89	2,846.00	3,000.00	
Talent Show	1,900.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,549.55	2,000.00	-	
Supplies	24.36			349.47	-	-	
Training & Conferences					-	-	
Travel	919.44			178.04	-	-	
Dues Subriptions Fees				25.00			
Postage	27.22			21.99	-	-	
Total Expenses	4,016.78	6,639.00	2,000.00	4,622.94	4,846.00	3,000.00	
NET:	(3,834.28)	-	-	(4,075.44)	-	-	
Deputies (Dept. 110)							
Expenses							
Stipend					600.00	600.00	
Conferences	42.56	1,000.00	1,000.00	604.17	-	900.00	
Lodging	246.76	600.00	600.00	172.69	600.00	1,000.00	
Meals	246.15	400.00	400.00	234.88	400.00	250.00	
Total Supplies/Printing/Postage	83.91	-	-	80.67	-	500.00	
Deputy Fieldwork	234.80			-	-	-	
Property Fieldwork	108.46	500.00	500.00	63.92	500.00	500.00	
Travel/Mileage	887.38	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,370.96	2,000.00	2,200.00	
Telephone	943.34	500.00	800.00	663.59	-	-	39
Total Expenses	2,793.36	5,000.00	5,300.00	3,190.88	4,100.00	5,950.00	
NET:	(2,793.36)	(5,000.00)	(5,300.00)	(3,190.88)	(4,100.00)	(5,950.00)	

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	Actual	Adopted	Revision	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	
	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
GWA Fund (Dept. 150)							
Income							
Donations	14.00	300.00	300.00	200.00	300.00	300.00	
Women's March	1,031.65	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,021.40	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Cookbook Sales-net	144.00	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	
GWA Bkfst – Conv	37.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Scholarship - Marinoff	112.00			160.00	-	-	
Master Gift	205.70	100.00	100.00	72.00	100.00	100.00	
Kelly Farm	87.00			137.00	-	-	
Deaf Awareness				-	-	-	
Director Gift	59.00	100.00	100.00	62.00	100.00	100.00	
Miscellaneous	95.00			258.00	-	-	
Raffle	1,571.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,734.20	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Transfer/Reserve Funds		3,100.00	3,100.00		5,000.00	4,000.00	
Total Income	3,356.35	5,700.00	5,700.00	3,644.60	7,600.00	6,600.00	
Expenses							
Awards & Gifts	1,608.53	1,000.00	1,000.00	659.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	40
Conferences					-	-	
Donations - W. March	1,071.65			1,021.40	-	1,000.00	
Donations	861.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Lodging	818.17	500.00	500.00	153.98	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Conv - GWA Breakfast		-	-		-	-	
Meals	454.08	600.00	600.00	205.47	600.00	600.00	
Postage/UPS	202.58	100.00	100.00	75.03	100.00	100.00	
Printing	545.24	100.00	100.00	6.37	100.00	100.00	
Stipend					600.00	600.00	
Director Expense				11.34	-	-	
Scholarships				160.00			
Supplies	17.28	400.00	400.00	861.13	200.00	200.00	
Telephone					-	-	
Travel	504.50	1,000.00	1,000.00	693.05	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Total Expenses	6,083.03	5,700.00	5,700.00	4,746.77	7,600.00	6,600.00	
NET:	(2,726.68)			(1,102.17)	-	-	

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	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
Lecturer's Fund (Dept. 160)							
Income							
Transfer from General				-	500.00	1,300.00	
Total				-	500.00	1,300.00	
Expenses							
Showcase Awards				-	500.00	300.00	40
Talent Show	822.58			-	-	1,000.00	41
Total	822.58	-	-	-	500.00	1,300.00	
NET		-	-	-	-	-	
Youth Activities (Dept. 200)							
<i>* prior to 2011 this dept was 400</i>							
Income							
Convention BBQ					1,500.00	-	
Convention Breakfast					-	-	
Donations	10.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		600.00	600.00	
Conference Income		1,000.00	1,000.00	80.00	600.00	600.00	
Family Camp	1,982.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,576.00	-	-	
Projects	949.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	744.00	600.00	-	
Resale					-	-	
Auction		1,000.00	1,000.00		-	-	
Special Events / Fundraising					-	800.00	42
Transfer from Savings					-	-	
Total Income	2,941.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	3,400.00	3,300.00	2,000.00	
Expenses							
<i>* prior to 2011 this dept was 400</i>							
Showcase Awards	220.50			47.00	200.00	100.00	40
Convention BBQ					750.00	-	
Conferences & Mtgs	812.82	2,000.00	2,000.00	931.33	600.00	600.00	
Stipend					600.00	600.00	
Family Camp	1,626.51	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,254.61	-	-	
Meals					-	-	
Lodging					-	-	
Postage/UPS	3.19			3.12	-	-	
Printing					-	-	
Supplies	132.94	500.00	500.00		400.00	200.00	
Travel & Mileage		1,000.00	1,000.00	469.30	500.00	500.00	
Projects					-	-	
Director					-	-	

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	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
Fair Team/Advertising	1,001.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	300.00	-	-	
Telephone					-	-	
Total Expenses	3,796.96	8,000.00	8,000.00	4,005.36	3,050.00	2,000.00	
NET:	(855.96)	-	-	(605.36)	250.00	-	
Junior Grange (Dept. 250)							
							43
Income							
Jr, Grange Camp Conference					1,000.00	600.00	
Silent Auction (Convention)					1,000.00	1,000.00	
Transfer From Savings					1,000.00	-	
Fundraising					-	350.00	42
Total Income					3,000.00	1,950.00	
Expenses							
Showcase Awards					400.00	50.00	40
Jr. Grange Camp Conference					1,000.00	600.00	
Stipend					600.00	600.00	
Supplies					200.00	200.00	
Travel & Mileage					800.00	500.00	
Total Expenses					3,000.00	1,950.00	
NET					-	-	
Youth Fair (Dept. 350)							
							44
Income							
Donations					500.00	300.00	
Projects -Resale Vests					1,000.00	-	
Transfer From Junior Funds					500.00	-	
Fundraising					-	-	42
Total Income					2,000.00	300.00	
Expenses							
Stipend					600.00	-	
Showcase Awards					300.00	50.00	40
Meals					400.00	-	
Supplies					200.00	-	
Travel & Mileage					500.00	250.00	
Total Expenses					2,000.00	300.00	
Net					-	-	

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	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
Family Health (Dept. 300)							
Income							
Donations							
Total Income	-	-	-		-	-	
Expenses							
Postage & Printing							
Projects & Supplies							
Director Expenses							
Travel/Meals							
Total Expenses	-	-	-		-	-	
Net:	-	-	-		-	-	
Legislative (Dept. 500)							
Income							
Donations	100.00			145.00	-	-	
Total Income	100.00	-	-	145.00	-	-	
Expenses							
Consultant Fees/Expenses	19,500.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	6,035.00	17,000.00	16,000.00	
Advertising				300.00			
Awards and Gifts		-	-		-	-	
Conferences/Mtgs	1,086.78	500.00	500.00		-	-	
Donations	100.00	-	-		-	-	
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees	3,100.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	245.00	-	700.00	
Legal	8.49				-	-	
Lodging	1,110.92	1,000.00	1,000.00	112.20	-	-	
Meals	-			147.89	-	-	
Office Supplies				49.79	-	-	
Conferences/Ag Day				396.14	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Postage				23.36	-	-	
Printing	428.70			29.31	-	-	
Repairs - Maint Database	1,020.00	-	-		-	-	
Director Expenses	69.43	-	-		-	-	
Supplies	131.25	300.00	300.00	152.12	-	300.00	
Telephone		-	-		-	-	
Travel Expense	1,300.21	750.00	750.00	234.89	-	-	
Total Expenses	27,855.78	18,050.00	18,050.00	7,725.70	18,000.00	18,000.00	
Net:	(27,755.78)	(18,050.00)	(18,050.00)	(7,580.70)	(18,000.00)	(18,000.00)	

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	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
Dupray Legislative (Dept. 510)							
Income							
Donations	4,125.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Income	4,125.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Expenses							
Merchant Account Fees	62.86	-	-	-	-	-	
Conferences & Meetings	215.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Web, Internet Acct	7.96	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenses	285.82	-	-	-	-	-	
Net	3,839.18	-	-	-	-	-	
Convention (Dept. 600)							
		<i>Mt. Hamilton</i>			<i>Palermo</i>	<i>TBA</i>	
Income							
Donations	2,594.95			271.00	2,500.00	200.00	
Convention T-shirts Resale	1,252.00			1,020.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Convention T-shirt Sponsors				550.00		500.00	
Convention Pins	125.00			95.00	125.00	125.00	
Registrations	5,285.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,185.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Degree Tickets	535.00			310.00	500.00	500.00	
Journal of Proceedings	160.00			-	160.00	160.00	
Resolution Packs	45.00			30.00	45.00	45.00	
Showcase (Expo) Income	95.00			57.00	100.00	-	
Thursday Lunch	1,762.50			1,213.36	1,800.00	2,000.00	45
Thursday Dinner	1,750.00			1,389.82	1,800.00	2,000.00	45
Friday Lunch	1,742.50	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,476.97	1,800.00	2,000.00	45
Friday Dinner	1,750.00			1,314.69	1,800.00	2,000.00	45
Saturday Lunch	1,742.50			1,239.37	1,800.00	2,000.00	45
Saturday Dinner	1,725.00			1,214.31	1,800.00	2,000.00	45
Sunday Box Lunch				-		1,000.00	45
Resale Supplies	177.00			-	200.00	200.00	
Total Income	20,741.45	10,000.00	10,000.00	13,366.52	20,630.00	20,930.00	

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	Actual	Adopted	Revision	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	
	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
Convention Expenses							
Salary O/T	1,247.51	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	-	-	
Awards/Gifts	570.44			-	-	-	
Convention T-shirts Cost				535.84		550.00	
Conferences & Meetings				263.80	-	-	
Equipment Rental	407.75	1,000.00	1,000.00	307.40	500.00	500.00	
Showcase (Expo) Awards	546.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,375.04	500.00	500.00	40
Entertainment				170.00			
Facility Fees					-	-	
Harvest Feast	164.45				200.00	-	
Hospitality Room					-	-	
Lodging	680.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,425.12	2,500.00	3,200.00	
Meals	10,800.00			146.85	10,000.00	350.00	
Postage/UPS	390.95			587.40	400.00	500.00	
Printing	365.48			387.74	400.00	400.00	
Promotional Items	932.19			782.00	1,000.00	800.00	
Workshop Lunch - Wed						250.00	
Thursday Lunch				1,775.16	-	1,400.00	46
Thursday Dinner				1,775.16	-	1,400.00	46
Friday Lunch		5,000.00	5,000.00	1,452.00	-	1,400.00	46
Friday Dinner				1,452.00	-	1,400.00	46
Saturday Lunch				1,375.00	-	1,400.00	46
Saturday Dinner				1,364.00	-	1,400.00	46
Sunday Boxed Lunch				350.00	-	700.00	46
Supplies	487.90			869.33	500.00	800.00	
Travel	294.83			368.50	300.00	300.00	
Total Expenses	16,887.50	15,000.00	15,000.00	20,762.34	16,300.00	17,250.00	
Net:	3,853.95	(5,000.00)	(5,000.00)	(7,395.82)	4,330.00	3,680.00	

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	Actual	Adopted	Revision	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	
	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
Public Relations (Dept. 660)							47
Income							
Donations	15.00			-	-	-	
Total Income	15.00	-	-	-	-	-	
Expenses							
Staff Salary	19,276.96	24,000.00	-	4,250.00	24,000.00		
Consulting Fees				-			
Benefits, Taxes, WC	1,747.52	1,960.00	-	-	2,000.00		
Ambassadors		-	12,000.00	99.84	-		
Travel-Mileage	3,189.30	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,568.12	2,000.00		
Lodging	1,241.41	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00		
Web Hosting/Maintenance		-		-	-		
Workshops/Ag Day	547.14	1,000.00	1,000.00	597.01	-		
Meals & Misc	602.06	500.00	500.00	122.22	-		
Supplies	467.59	500.00	500.00	1,035.10	200.00		
Subscriptions	553.73	200.00	200.00	236.00	-		
Telephone		-	-	-	-		
Total Expenses	27,625.71	33,160.00	19,200.00	8,908.29	30,200.00	-	
Net	(27,610.71)	(33,160.00)	(19,200.00)	(8,908.29)	(30,200.00)	-	
Grange News (Dept. 650)							47
Income							
Dues-Fraternal	12,863.00	14,760.00	14,760.00	17,457.50	26,278.00		
Dues-Associate	239.50	314.00	314.00	323.50	595.00		
Dues – Family				-	896.00		
Dues – Affiliate				-	298.00		
Dues – Youth				-	728.00		
Donations				15.00			
Paid Subscriptions	31.50	150.00	150.00	-	45.00		
Advertising	3,648.45	4,000.00	3,600.00	6,201.65	3,500.00		
Ad Discounts				-	-		
Total Income	16,782.45	19,224.00	18,824.00	23,997.65	32,340.00	-	
Expenses							
Staff Salary	23,666.68	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	-		
Benefits	221.47	230.00	-	-	-		
Payroll Tax	2,262.51	1,875.00	1,875.00	2,185.99	-		
Bad Debt	615.00			-	-		
Conference/Meetings		-		-	-		
Dues/Fees/Subscriptions	394.95	300.00	300.00	-	-		

	2009	2010	2010	2010	2011	2012	
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	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
Workers Comp		242.00	-	-	-		
Mailing Services	1,460.47	1,200.00	640.00	1,137.21	1,500.00		
Office Expenses		-		-	-		
Postage	9,008.06	7,200.00	9,200.00	7,846.30	6,000.00		
Postage-Meter				-	-		
Printing	3,281.36	3,500.00	5,400.00	5,391.19	8,200.00		
Supplies				83.43	-		
Total Expenses	40,910.50	38,547.00	41,415.00	40,644.12	15,700.00	-	
Net:	(24,128.05)	(19,323.00)	(22,591.00)	(16,646.47)	16,640.00	-	
Public Relations/News (Dept. 670)							47
Income							
Dues Allocation						31,500.00	
Paid Subscriptions						45.00	
Advertising						3,900.00	
Ad Discounts						-	
Total Income						35,445.00	
Expenses							
Staff Salary						24,000.00	
Benefits						-	
Payroll Tax						3,600.00	
Postage - News						6,500.00	
Printing - News						9,000.00	
Total Expenses						43,100.00	
Net:						(7,655.00)	

	2009	2010	2010	2010	2011	2012	
	Actual	Adopted	Revision	Actual	Adopted	Proposed	
	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
Property (Dept. 700)							
Income							
Upstairs-UCDMC	78,999.84	73,075.00	73,075.00	79,289.44	73,075.00	79,944.00	
Downstairs 2101 Stockton				-			
Donations				4,141.21			
Wisteria/Training Room				-			
GBO Bldg - FFBI	15,470.34			-			
GBO - Crossroads				-			
GBO-Other/UCD	10,495.20	9,713.00	9,713.00	8,746.00	9,713.00	-	
GBO - Offices				600.00	4,000.00	1,800.00	
GBO- CU	3,750.00			-			
Parking		-	5,400.00	6,531.73	8,400.00	10,800.00	48
Utility Reimbursement	7,273.58	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,610.47	8,000.00	9,500.00	
Total Income	115,988.96	90,788.00	96,188.00	107,918.85	103,188.00	102,044.00	
Expenses							
Staff Salary	1,666.68	-	-	-	-		
Benefits	56.04	-	-	-	-		
Payroll Taxes	197.51	-	-	-	-		
W Comp Ins		-	-	-	-		
Advertising - Telephone Directory				622.35	200.00	1,000.00	
Legal		-	-	300.00	-		
Postage/Supplies		-	-	0.88			
Repair/Maint. Upstairs	9,329.30	7,000.00	7,000.00	10,725.89	8,000.00	8,000.00	49
Repair/Maint. Downstairs	1,279.46	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,656.18	1,500.00	1,000.00	
Repair/Maint. GBO	5,626.89	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,925.46	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Taxes Upstairs/Downstairs		-	-				
Taxes GBO	65.00	-	-	780.76	800.00	-	50
Supplies				60.00			
Utilities Upstairs	10,622.17	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,610.47	8,000.00	9,500.00	
Utilities Downstairs	2,308.78	2,000.00	9,000.00	8,131.74	9,000.00	6,900.00	
Utilities GBO	6,811.50	1,000.00	1,000.00	4,437.40	4,000.00	3,000.00	
2101 Stockton Blvd	201.32			1,085.95	-	-	
Total Expenses	38,164.65	22,500.00	29,500.00	40,337.08	33,500.00	31,400.00	
Net:	77,824.31	68,288.00	66,688.00	67,581.77	69,688.00	70,644.00	

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	Unaudited	Budget	5/1/2010	Unaudited	Budget	Budget	Notes
Grange Hall Property (Dept. 803-817)							
Income							
Total Income				35,447.21	16,500.00	4,800.00	51
Expense							
Total Expense				25,151.95	8,650.00	725.00	
Net	-	-	-	10,295.26	7,850.00	4,075.00	

Budget Proposal for 2012 Notes

- 1 Number based on 2010 year end members numbers - Based on 7531 (7644-113) members @ \$28.00 each
- 2 Based on 162 Associate members @ \$ 20.00
- 3 Based on 146 families at \$56.00
- 4 Based on 90 Affiliate members @ \$ 28.00
- 5 Based on 199 youth members at \$9.00
- 6 Based on 470 Gold Sheaf members @ \$2.00 each
- 7 Earnings from Asset Management Funds
- 8 Family Camp in Tahoe
- 9 Greenfield and Fresno Note Interest
- 10 Annual donation from GIA \$1.00 per member (based on 9000-162 assc members)
- 11 Raising fee to \$2 from \$1
- 12 Dues allocation to CGN \$3.50 per Fraternal and Associate Member Dues (from National Report)
- 13 State Master's salary only
- 14 Staff salaries (1 Full-Time, 3 Part-Time)
- 15 Payroll tax @ 15%
- 16 2011 audit
- 17 Oil Changes, Tires
- 18 Merchant Services/Payroll/Investment accounts
- 19 Subscriptions and memberships
- 20 Secretary of State, FTB, IRS fees
- 21 Printer/Copier, Maintenance on new Mailing and Folding Equipment. New equipment are assets.
- 22 Premium Increase (including new van)
- 23 Internet Service and Email Bulletins, Press Releases
- 24 CSG Headquarter portion of janitorial (split with Dept 700)
- 25 License for NEW van and parking permit
- 26 1 storage unit
- 27 Based on 7531 fraternal @ \$12.00 each
- 28 Based on 162 Associate @ \$10.00 each
- 29 Based on 470 Golden Sheaf @ \$10.00 each
- 30 Based on 146 families @ \$ 24.00
- 31 Based on 199 Youth @ \$ 12.00
- 32 National Convention Assessment 9000 @ \$1.00 each * will be based on 2Q 2011 numbers
- 33 Repairs to all Computers only
- 34 Repairs & Maintenance to owned equipment
- 35 Office Phones and Fax, Cells Phones - Master, Chief Deputy
- 36 Based on actual 2011 figures.
- 37 Fixed Note
- 38 Unused GBO funds from previous years
- 39 Included with Dept 50 phone expense
- 40 Showcase Award listed under the correct sponsor
- 41 No longer sponsoring award winner to National
- 42 Junior and Youth Departments to raise funds to pay for activities and programs
- 43 Split Youth Services Junior Grange
- 44 Split Youth Services Youth Fair
- 45 All meals based on 200 @ \$10 (except Box) based on 2011 subject to change
- 46 All meals based on 200 @ \$7 (except Box) based on 2011 subject to change
- 47 Grange News (650) and Public Relation (660) combined into new dept 670
- 48 Parking 18 spaces @ \$50/month
- 49 Includes janitorial
- 50 Counted in Dept 50
- 51 Grange Hall Properties are halls we are managing and are in departments 800-801

2012 Budget Projection

GRANGE HALL PROPERTY

Departments 803-817

Income

Fair Valley	0.00	
Biggs	0.00	
Lucerne Valley	0.00	
Coalinga	0.00	
Davis Creek	0.00	
Eastlake	0.00	
Crescent Redwood	4,800.00	
El Camino	0.00	
Healdsburg	0.00	
Total Income		<u>4,800.00</u>

Expense

Fair Valley	0.00	
Biggs	0.00	
Lucerne Valley	0.00	
Coalinga	0.00	
Davis Creek	0.00	
Eastlake	0.00	
Crescent Redwood	725.00	
El Camino	0.00	
Healdsburg	0.00	
Total Expense		<u>725.00</u>

Net Income/Expense

4,075.00

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Section VI

Resolutions

Resolutions Adopted At Session

Committee Reports

Conservation and Energy Committee

Government Committee

Health, Education and Welfare Committee

Election Committee

Song of Appreciation

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

11-002-GLA

TITLE: RETAINING CSG SOLVENCY
PROPOSED BY: Monterey County Pomona #17

WHEREAS: The California State Grange was brought into cash-flow solvency following the passage of Resolution 09-002 which allowed the use of reverted funds to be applied to the A/R debt of newly reorganized Granges; and

WHEREAS: The CSG is in debt to the Asset Management Fund for the Wisteria Project as the old office building is still vacant and rental prospects are dim; and

WHEREAS: The balance on this debt is currently \$400,000 with interest only being paid. Therefore, be it
RESOLVED: That funds due to revert in the year 2012 be applied to reduce the existing California State Grange debts and the balance of reverted funds in the year 2012 be held in a contingency fund for the California State Grange.

11-005-GOV

TITLE: KEEP DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME YEAR-ROUND IN CALIFORNIA
PROPOSED BY: McCloud Grange #831

WHEREAS: With the current daylight savings time changes twice a year, it is disruptive for farmers with animals and rural dwellers who must commute to their jobs. and

WHEREAS: Rural dwellers in the fall now suddenly coping with an extra hour of darkness not only has an adverse affect on farmers, but also hinders commuters driving to the city for work. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the CSG strongly support year-round daylight savings time for California.

11-014-GOV

TITLE: FUNDING NEW LAWS
PROPOSED BY: Windsor Grange #410

WHEREAS: Our elected officials at all levels have continued to initiate laws with no idea of the financing; and

WHEREAS: The present method continues to erode other approved commitments; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange and National Grange urge our legislators to pass no unfunded mandates.

11-021-HEW

TITLE: BAN ON BPA SALES RECEIPTS
PROPOSED BY: Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange #510

WHEREAS: A growing number of well designed research studies have shown that a significant amount of the proven hormone-disrupting, carcinogenic biphenyl A (BPA) can be absorbed through

the skin each time someone handles a thermal paper sales receipt (e.g. POS receipts, credit cards receipts, ATM receipts, lottery tickets, etc.); and

WHEREAS: extraordinarily high levels of BPA were found on two-fifths of the paper receipts recently tested by the Environmental Working Group (EWG), and in some cases, the amount of BPA on a given receipt was 1,000 times the levels found in the lining of a can of food; and

WHEREAS: EWG’s study of newborns found BPA in 9 of 10 samples, marking the first detections of the chemical in the cord blood of U.S. infants; and

WHEREAS: biomonitoring surveys by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found BPA in the bodies of 93 percent of Americans over age 6, and that people working in retail industries had 30 percent more BPA in their bodies than the average U.S. adult; and

WHEREAS: BPA-free thermal paper receipts are now readily available and affordable; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the California State Grange and National Grange support efforts to eliminate thermal paper receipts that contain BPA from use in the United States.

11-023-AG

TITLE: LABELING GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS

PROPOSED BY: Mendocino County Pomona #10

WHEREAS: USDA labeling of foods is far from complete; and

WHEREAS: This leaves a gray area from the field to consumption; therefore be it

RESOLVED: Food labeling which states the word “Organic” must also state whether the food (seed) was genetically modified.

11-026-HEW

TITLE: STATE GRANGE MEETNG DATES

PROPOSED BY: Mendocino County Pomona #10

WHEREAS: The State Grange is always looking for large areas in which to hold our annual meetings; and

WHEREAS: Public schools throughout California are vacant in the summer; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That our State Master and Executive Committee study the feasibility of holding our annual session during school vacation time.

11-028-AG

TITLE: REDUCING GOVERNMENT FEES ON CALIFORNIA FARMERS WHO WISH TO CONVERT THEIR FARMLAND TO CERTIFIED ORGANIC

PROPOSED BY: Marin Grange #848

WHEREAS: A number of farmers in California would like to convert some or all of their farmland to Certified Organic to compete in the growing organic marketplace, but have not done so because of the additional government-mandated fees associated with making the conversion; and

WHEREAS: Enacting State legislation to find ways to effectively reduce these additional government-mandated fees placed upon Calif. farmers who wish to convert their farmland to Certified Organic would assist Calif. farmers in accomplishing their goals and reduce financial burdens

placed upon our struggling Calif. farmers; therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the CSG urges the California State Assembly and Senate to enact legislation that effectively reduces the government-mandated fees placed upon Calif. farmers who wish to convert their farmland to Certified Organic.

11-030-AG

TITLE: **OPPOSE THE CDFA’S PROPOSED PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR)**

PROPOSED BY: **Marin Grange #848**

WHEREAS: A costly one-size-fits-all Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) being proposed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to respond to exotic, new or overwhelming yet-to-happen pest infestations will divert funds from research into alternative pest management responses; and

WHEREAS: Taxpayers will be paying for this controversial PEIR rather than investing in prevention and up-to-date alternative approaches in pest management; and

WHEREAS: Tax payers bear the financial brunt and risk to public health every time the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) identifies an invasive pest and utilizes pesticides under “emergency” declarations; and

WHEREAS: There are proven less costly to taxpayers, less toxic pest management programs that are less disruptive to growers who suffer from the government inflicted pest quarantines and mandatory required treatments; and

WHEREAS: The new PEIR, as proposed by the CDFA, would virtually prevent farmers, growers, communities at large from stopping such emergency pesticide programs (which would not be limited to include aerial spraying above schools, hospitals, residential communities with no grower or public input); and

WHEREAS: If the PEIR is approved, the State of California can look forward to more pesticide programs, with almost no notice, no advance evaluation of the health or farmer economical impacts of the pesticides, and no justification for failing to use least-toxic and cheaper treatment methods; and

WHEREAS: “Property rights” are challenged with this mandatory application of toxic chemicals in their communities; and

WHEREAS: If the PEIR is approved and not challenged legally, the state will have a blank check to conduct future spray programs and it would be impossible for farmers, growers and the public at large to stop them; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange does not support the California Dept of Food and Agriculture’s proposed Programmatic Environmental Impact Report, but encourages and supports additional use and research into scientifically proven alternative pest management.

11-031-AG

TITLE: **PRESERVE AMERICA’S RIGHT TO UNCONTAMINATED SOIL AND SEEDS**

PROPOSED By: **North Bay Pomona #53**

WHEREAS: the deregulation of genetically modified alfalfa poses grave threats to the livelihoods of organic and conventional farmers, to their customers, and to the economy of the United

States; and

WHEREAS: a significant and growing percentage of consumers are requesting organic and non-genetically modified foods; and

WHEREAS: alfalfa is an essential feed for livestock; and

WHEREAS: due to the way alfalfa is bee-pollinated, the potential for rapid crosspollination to occur between genetically engineered (GE) and non-GE alfalfa is high; and

WHEREAS: because no practical means exist to prevent such cross-pollination; and

WHEREAS: numerous examples of such cross-pollination abound, such as with corn; and

WHEREAS: once cross-pollination occurs growers will be forced, for practical reasons, to either to abandon alfalfa as a crop or to buy their seed from the patent-owner, a monopolistic and unfair practice; and

WHEREAS: those growers whose business is dependent on selling alfalfa to farmers and ranchers producing organic or non-GMO foods will lose that business; and

WHEREAS: those producers who are selling organic or non-GMO products will lose a essential source of feed for their livestock, with the effect that their businesses will suffer, too; and

WHEREAS: consumers will not be able to buy the products that they desire and depend on for their health and welfare; and

WHEREAS: evidence is mounting that insufficient scientific rigor has been applied to the development of genetically modified organisms, with the result that novel pathogens are being released into our food supply and that glyphosate, a key ingredient in Roundup Ready® seeds may be causing fungal root disease; and

WHEREAS: the long term impacts on the health of humans, livestock and our soil are not understood; and

WHEREAS: concern is growing among scientists and the public that the long term impacts of genetically modified organisms in our food are not beneficial; and

WHEREAS: a growing number of export markets are refusing genetically modified products, causing damage to our economy; and

WHEREAS: the sum of the above demands that we take a more careful and reasoned approach to the technology of genetically modified organisms; and therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the California State Grange and the National Grange urge the United States Administration to halt the growing of genetically engineered alfalfa outside of closed laboratory conditions; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the California State Grange and the National Grange urge the United States Congress to immediately enact legislation strongly regulating all genetically engineered crops based on sound science and a risk-based approach, instead of the current practice of letting the industry police itself.

11-032-GLA

TITLE: NATIONAL CONVENTION ASSESSMENT TAX

PROPOSED BY: Butte Pomona Grange #16

WHEREAS: The National Grange currently assesses each State Grange \$1.00 per member that goes into their Convention fund; and

WHEREAS: Every State Grange is not equal in membership; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the National Grange Convention assessment be \$1 per member to a maximum of \$5000 per State Grange.

11-033-GLA

TITLE: NATIONAL GRANGE FEES FOR GRANGE MONTH
PROPOSED BY: Butte Pomona Grange #16

WHEREAS: The National Grange endorses and promotes the National Grange Month; and
WHEREAS: The State Grange does not collect dues from those members that join during April Grange Month; and
WHEREAS: The National Grange charges dues to the State Grange for the members that join during Grange Month; therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the National Grange ceases collection of dues for those members joining during Grange Month for that year.

11-034-GLA

TITLE: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES IN GRANGE NEWS
PROPOSED BY: Butte County Pomona #16

WHEREAS: The Grange News is currently required to print the Executive Committee meeting minutes; and
WHEREAS: Space in the paper is very limited. Therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the Executive Committee meeting minutes be posted only on the website and no longer in the Grange News.

11-040-COM

TITLE: ANIMAL OWNERSHIP SUPPORT
PROPOSED BY: El Paso De Robles Grange #555

WHEREAS: Existing law allows humane shelters, animal controls, rescues and other animal agencies working on the behalf of law enforcement to impose fees and liens to cover the cost of animal seizure and care before any formal accusation or judicial proceedings, including the laying of actual charges, are begun; and
WHEREAS: Existing and current law allows animal owners to be threatened with tremendous debt and property withheld until the payment of all costs associated with any animal action are paid; and
WHEREAS: We hold this action-reaction to be the same as extortion; therefore be it
RESOLVED: The California State Grange seeks laws or regulations that require all humane shelters, animal control agencies, rescue agencies and other animal agencies working on the behalf of law enforcement to bear their own expenses. Only once proven guilty should costs be charged to the guilty party; if found innocent, the acting agency shall bear all expenses. Only under judicial approval shall costs then be recovered through liens, charges, and compensation for their actual expenses in the action; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the California State Grange requires that in the interests of constitutional justice regarding the taking of property without compensation and the enforcement of regulations and laws [e.g. SB 917 (Animal Abuse, Lieu, 2011) and AB 1117 (Animal Abuse: penalties,

Smyth, 2011)], no animal ownership title shall change hands until the lawful proceedings of justice are complete; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange urges that costs incurred by the actions undertaken by agencies in the enforcement of animal abuse statutes shall be the responsibility of the acting agency; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSG will undertake to amend or repeal laws and bills which fail to require animal agency accountability [e.g. SB 917 (Animal Abuse, Lieu, 2011) and AB 1117 (Animal Abuse: penalties, Smyth, 2011)].

11-041-AG

TITLE: **SUPPORT FOR A LOCAL FOOD AND COMMUNITY SELF-GOVERNANCE ORDINANCE**

PROPOSED BY: **El Paso De Robles Grange #555**

WHEREAS: a ***Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance*** provides this state's residents with unimpeded access to healthful food from known sources; and

WHEREAS: ***A Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance*** encourages the expansion and accessibility of farmers' markets, roadside stands, farm-based sales, and direct agricultural sales from the producer to the end consumer; and

WHEREAS: ***A Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance*** allows consumers to shop for food with local farmers thus keeping more of the consumers' dollars in the local community, providing what is known as the local multiplier effect of money [buying local keeps money in the local community and helps farms and ranches remain economically viable; for every dollar spent with a local company (or farmer), 45 cents stays in the community while for every dollar spent with a corporate chain, only 15 cents is reinvested in the local community]; and

WHEREAS: ***A Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance*** helps support the preservation of farmland and the viability of farming as a profession; and

WHEREAS: The general public is increasingly interested in locally produced food, and the purchase and consumption of fresh and local agricultural products offers profit potential and economic opportunity for family farms; and

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WHEREAS: Raising meat, dairy, eggs, fruits, and vegetables as close as possible to the kitchens of the end-user minimizes the carbon footprint of the entire food system and increases our food security; and

WHEREAS: Our constitutional right to decide which foods are best for ourselves, our families, and our wallets, are being infringed on by many layers of legislative policy; and

WHEREAS: The confusing web of policy regarding legal sales and approved procedures are also confusing to those who are in positions of authority, making it even more difficult for farmers to safely access markets. Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange endorses and supports the enactment of ***Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinances and/or Resolutions***. And be it further

RESOLVED: that each CSG supports and encourages each Pomona in presenting ***Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinances and/or Resolutions*** before their County Board of

Supervisors.

11-043-GOV

TITLE: RETURNING CONGRESS TO THE PEOPLE

PROPOSED BY: Marshall Grange #451

WHEREAS: In establishing our nation, the Founding Fathers envisioned citizen legislators who would serve their term(s) and return home and back to work in the community; and

WHEREAS: Our legislators have over the years made Congressional Office an occupation; and

WHEREAS: Our legislators have separated themselves from the public by creating their own retirement system outside of the Social Security System; have set up their own health care system outside of Medicare, and have created a system for deciding their own pay increases. And

WHEREAS: This behavior violates the spirit of the United States of America and the precepts of equality elegantly expressed in our Constitution. Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange and National Grange encourage Congress to reestablish its ties with the American people by taking the following actions:

1. Collect a salary only while in office with no pay as a past legislator when out of office.
2. Participates in the Social Security system, and immediately transfer all funds in the Congressional retirement fund to the Social Security system. Like all Americans, legislators can purchase their own retirement plan.
3. Abandon its current health care system and participates in Medicare, the same health care system as the American people.
4. Limit members raise in pay to the lower of Consumer Price Index or 3%.
5. Equally abides by all laws they impose on the American people.

11-045-COE

TITLE: SUPPORT THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF BIOCHAR TO BENEFIT AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE

PROPOSED BY: Sonoma Valley Grange #407

WHEREAS: Biochar, the stable, highly porous carbon product from pyrolyzed biomass, has excellent characteristics as a soil amendment in agriculture, enhancing soil health and productivity by increasing Cation Exchange Capacity, increasing nutrient uptake while reducing the need for fertilizers, aerating soil, retaining water, improving soil tilth and water filtration, mediating soil out-gassing including nitrogen and methane, while the porous structure encourages resident beneficial microorganisms, thereby promoting biodiversity and soil building, and in supplying this elemental carbon, conserving the oft depleted Soil Organic Carbon, while the added biotic activity builds more SOC; and

WHEREAS: Biochar production uses feedstock of much of the organic waste found in agriculture, from wood to manures, and other cellulosic materials, while generating carbon-negative renewable energy, aiding agriculture as it seeks to offset energy costs and fossil fuel use while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, especially as agriculturally produced renewable energy is likely to benefit from the pending bill, SB 489, the agricultural net metering and Renewable Energy Equity Act, currently awaiting the Governor's signature; and

WHEREAS: Biochar is a fundamental climate response tool, sequestering 4 or more pounds of CO2e (carbon dioxide+ other GHG) from the atmosphere for every pound of biochar carbon sequestered, whether used as a water filter medium, or for pollution mitigation, or as a fertility building soil amendment, staying resident and recalcitrant in the soil for hundreds to thousands of years, and with proper Governmental policies yet to be determined, valuing this carbon in such a way as to fund the makers of biochar carbon and the venue of its sequestration, the Farmer, creating a necessary value stream promoting Farm stability. Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange agrees to undertake a concerted effort to educate its members on the advantages and opportunities in the operations of Biochar production and use for soil building, crop productivity enhancement, water filtering, pollution mitigation, renewable energy generation, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange lobby vigorously to support legislation that encourages Biochar production and use at the State and local policy levels to ensure the benefits embedded in the promise that is biochar, to build soil now and for future generations, for AB 32 climate mitigation compliance, to enhance renewable energy generation portfolio standards, indicating a will and tangible possibility therefore of human survival, will demand that the role of agriculture’s success in these areas be funded at a level commensurate with its contribution

11-049-COE

TITLE: **FARMLAND PROTECTION FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMERCE REZONING**

PROPOSED BY: **Petaluma Grange #851**

WHEREAS: Land used for renewable energy production reaches a level of production where energy produced is greater than energy consumed, landowners are often required to re-zone precious farmland from agricultural to commercial use. And

WHEREAS: According to CA State Department of Conservation, Farm and Grazing lands in California decreased by more than 1.3 million acres between 1984 and 2008. This is larger than the size of Merced County. This loss averages just under 55,000 acres per year, or about one square mile every four days. And

WHEREAS: According to CA State Department of Conservation, urbanization accounts for the vast majority of this loss, more than 1.04 million acres over the 1984-2008 time-frame. This is nearly the size of Sonoma County. And

WHEREAS: renewable energy production may be a sustainable source of energy for farmland operation. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: the California State Grange opposes the rezoning of currently zoned agricultural land to any other commercial or industrial designation when renewable energy projects are installed on existing agricultural property.

11-051-COE

TITLE: **LABELING GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD**

PROPOSED BY: **Ojai Valley Grange No. 659 And Pomona 50**

- WHEREAS:** Californians have a right to know if they are eating and feeding their children and animals genetically modified food (GMOs) that has been shown to cause liver and kidney toxicity in rats; and
- WHEREAS:** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is charged with the duty to determine the safety of genetically engineered (GE) crops; and
- WHEREAS:** Data submitted by Monsanto Corporation to the FDA and obtained through lawsuits by the European Committee for Research & Independent Information on Genetic Engineering (CRIIGEN) showed the only toxicological tests done on GMOs resulted in liver and kidney toxicity to rats and other serious toxic effects fed two forms of genetically modified Bt corn for only 90 days; and
- WHEREAS:** Producers of GMOs claim that standard toxicity studies including multigenerational tests following the effects on blood and organ parameters are too expensive to do; and
- WHEREAS:** A 2012 ballot initiative is being organized at the grassroots to defend the right to know what is in food products and to protect especially children from potential health risks through mandatory labeling of GMOs in food; therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That the California State Grange opposes FDA approval of Genetically Engineered crops for human consumption unless third party toxicity studies prove they are safe; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the California State Grange support initiatives that would enact a state law requiring the labeling of GMOs in food.

11-053-AG

TITLE: **BAN NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES**
PROPOSED BY: **Agricultural Committee**

- WHEREAS:** There is a national and international epidemic of Colony Collapse Disorder resulting in the perishing of thousands of commercial and private honeybee hives, first identified in 2004, officially recognized in 2006 and continuing into the present time; and
- WHEREAS:** Neonicotinoid pesticides were approved for agricultural use in the USA in 2003; and
- WHEREAS:** When one of these pesticide, clothianidin, became widely used in the U.S. many bee colonies dwindle by 30 to 90 percent; and
- WHEREAS:** Neonicotinoid pesticides were approved for agricultural use in Europe in the 1990s, where its use expanded dramatically into the late 2000s; and
- WHEREAS:** The beekeepers of Europe also experienced widespread colony collapse beginning in the year 2004; and
- WHEREAS:** the toxins in the expressed plant secretions from the use of neonicotinoids do not directly kill bees but hamper and impair a bee’s navigational and foraging ability thus affecting a hive’s susceptibility to Colony Collapse Disorder; and
- WHEREAS:** By the year 2010 the countries of France, Germany, Slovenia and Italy had banned the agricultural use of neonicotinoid pesticides; and
- WHEREAS:** European beekeepers in the areas where neonicotinoids were banned experienced immediate recovery of their bee stocks within two year; and

- WHEREAS:** the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified two of these pesticides (imidacloprid and colthianidin) as being highly toxic to honey bees; and
- WHEREAS:** There are alternatives to neonicotinoids as demonstrated by the thousands of organic growers who do not use neonicotinoid coated seeds; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED:** The California State Grange and the National Grange will address Colony Collapse Disorder through written communication and in-person lobbying of the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, the USDA and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and communicate its opposition to the use of and furthermore recommend a ban of neonicotinoid pesticides.

11-054-AG

TITLE: FOOD SOVEREIGNTY RESOLUTION

PROPOSED BY: Agriculture Committee

- WHEREAS:** We the People of California have the right to produce, process, sell, purchase and consume local foods, thus promoting self-reliance, the preservation of family farms, and local food traditions. And
- WHEREAS:** The rights of owners of livestock to consume the products of their livestock and share it with their family and friends are widely recognized in law; and
- WHEREAS:** As part of these rights, people have the right to raise food and livestock on their own land, subject to zoning and land use laws, or to rent land for this purpose, or to contract with others to raise this food, board their poultry and livestock, and hire their services for the care, maintenance, raising, and harvesting of the products; and
- WHEREAS:** We recognize that family farms, sustainable agricultural practices and food processing by individuals, families, and non-corporate entities offers stability to our rural way of life by enhancing the economic, environmental, and social wealth of our community. And
- WHEREAS:** We the members of the California State Grange have an obligation to protect these rights as is the Common and Natural Law; and in recognition of the Grange’s proud agricultural heritage; and the necessity of agricultural, ecological and economic diversity and sustainability to a free and healthy society. And
- WHEREAS:** The Centers for Disease Control have determined by the gathering of illness data, that since 1973, raw milk produced under the standards of the State of California for Human Consumption, has caused no deaths and when compared to all other foods is a very safe food; and
- WHEREAS:** Federal, state, and county regulations impede local food production and constitute a usurpation of our citizens’ right to foods of their choice. And
- WHEREAS:** Federal, State and county regulations impede local food production and constitute a usurpation of our Citizens rights to food of their choice, and
- WHEREAS:** Our right to a local food system requires us to assert our inherent right to self government; and
- WHEREAS:** The Constitution State of California, Art. 1, Sec. 9, prohibits the legislature from passing a bill impairing the obligation of contracts; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED:** That the California State Grange and National Grange actively promote legislation to enact Food Sovereignty Bills that would allow producers or processors of local foods exemption from licensure and inspection provided that the transaction is only between the producer or processor and a patron when the food is sold for home consumption. This includes any

producer or processor who sells his or her products at roadside farm stand; sells his or her products through farm-based sales directly to a patron, or delivers his or her products directly to patrons. And be it further

RESOLVED: That a producer is any farmer or gardener who grows any plant or animal for food or drink; a processor is any individual who processes or prepares products of the soil or animals for food or drink; and a patron is an individual who is the last person to purchase any product or preparation directly from a processor or producer and who does not resell the product or preparation. And be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange and National Grange call upon the legislature to adopt a bill ensuring the protection of these rights and, specifically, the right of the owner or partial owner of an animal to the products of that animal, including milk and meat without the oversight or interference of the USDA, CA Department of Food and Agriculture and local agencies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation & Energy Committee

Jan Saxton gave final report for the.

4 resolutions

3 adopted as amended

1 unfavorable rejection

Thank you to the members Bob Pinney, Buzz Chernoff, Richard Jergenson

Government committee

Lanny Cottler gave the final report for the.

14 resolutions with 12 considered. 5 were approved and 7 were rejected. A thank you to the committee of Buzz Chernoff, Frank Nichols, Jay Hartz, Yannick Phillips, Michael Foley, Dwight Winegar and Nick G.

Health Education and Welfare

Patty Allen, Chair

Thanks to Dolores Larrigan, Linda MacCracken, Beth Lewis

Resolutions

11-007 – Health Care unfavorable, already law

11-008 – Mental Health unfavorable, already policy

11-019 – DUI 3 Strikes unfavorable, already law

11-021 – Ban on BPA favorable as amended

11-025 – 45/15 School time unfavorable

11-052 – National Health for All, withdrawn.

Election Committee

Frank Nichols gave his final report for the. He thanked his committee for all their hard work.

SONG OF APPRECIATION

We are the Grange

by Bob McFarland

From the farms fields we gathered
In villages and towns
And we vowed to work together
And find our common ground
We built halls across America
For friends and family
And these halls became the heart of
Our community
We are the Grange, We are the Grange
And you can find a Grange where ever you roam.
We are the Grange, We are the Grange
When you're in the Grange, you're never alone

We're are farmers from the fields
We are farmers of the sea
We're the teachers in the classroom
We're the keepers of the bees
And when we work together,
There's nothing we can't do.
For the future of our children,
And for me and you.
We are the Grange, We are the Grange
The Grange can be whatever you want it to be
We are the Grange, We are the Grange
After all, the Grange is you and me

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VII

Section VII

Member Recognition

Fifth and Sixth Degree Candidates
Awards

An idea to consider (8th degree)

California State Grange 2011 Annual Convention

Palermo, Ca

October 12-16, 2011

List of Members for 5th and 6th Degrees

As of: November 28, 2011

Name :	Grange:	5th Degree	6th Degree
Cathy Adams	Palermo Grange # 493	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adelina Agbayani	Mt. Hamilton Grange # 469	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arnold Agbayani	Mt. Hamilton Grange # 469	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jan Dietrick	Ojai Valley Grange # 659	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kate Elsbree	Sebastopol Grange # 306	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth Evans	Paradise Grange # 490	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nancy Gordon-Hugman	Marshall Grange # 451	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Celia Hirschman	Thermalito Grange # 729	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vesta Holloway	Wyandotte Grange # 495	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Richard Jergenson	Scotts Valley Grange # 725	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Karen Jones	Elbow Creek Grange # 733	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Richard Jones	Elbow Creek Grange # 733	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca Kersten	Western Yolo Grange # 423	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sigrid Laskowski	Rosedale Grange # 565	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tiffany Leigh-Logan	Little Lake Grange # 670	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tara Logan	Little Lake Grange # 670	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Miller	Golden Empire Grange # 806	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sherry Morehouse	Big Sur Grange # 742	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alicia Nieves	Sacramento Community Grange # 843	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Azata Nyepan	Western Yolo Grange # 423	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rachel Nyman	Wyandotte Grange # 495	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Damian Parr	Corralitos Grange # 487	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Veronica Payesh	Western Yolo Grange # 423	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bill Raridan, Sr.	Golden Empire Grange # 806	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Suellen Rowlison	Chico Grange # 486	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Phyllis Sinn	Yuba-Sierra Pomona Grange # 46	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Yvonne Spiers	Loma Rica Grange # 802	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dorothy Strong	Thermalito Grange # 729	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ron Strong	Thermalito Grange # 729	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Keimue Tarlesson	Western Yolo Grange # 423	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patience T. Tarlesson	Western Yolo Grange # 423	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bieyou Teh	Western Yolo Grange # 423	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Tolbert	Western Yolo Grange # 423	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bobbi Tucker	Ono Grange # 445	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Walden	Paradise Grange # 490	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gering Webster	Durham Grange # 460	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kent Westwood	Laytonville Grange # 726	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Susan Williford	Wyandotte Grange # 495	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carol Yogi	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange # 503	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Total # of 5th Degrees: 33

Total # of 6th Degrees: 41

California State Grange Awards 2011

Community Service Award - Orangevale Grange #354

Fellowship Award - Linda MacCracken (Sacramento Co)

Granger of the Year - Lester Rougeot (San Luis Obispo Co)

Lifetime Achievement Award - Jay Hartz (Sacramento Co)

Leadership Award - Richard Jones (Tulare Co)

Heritage Award - Humboldt-Del Norte Pomona Grange #19

Youth Achievement Medallions

Johannah Fernandes (Riverside Co)

Angelina Tracy (Riverside Co)

Ashley Waugh (Santa Barbara Co)

Bailey Gruber (Tulare Co)

Courtney Russell (Tulare Co)

IDEA TO CONSIDER

Richard Roth, Chico Grange # 490, proposed an “idea to consider”, presented as a rough draft resolution.

WHEREAS: The California Grange has taken up the motto of “Back to Our Roots” and

WHEREAS: The first Four Degrees of the Patrons of Husbandry represent the Four Seasons and 4 directions, and

WHEREAS: The last Three Degrees of the Patrons of Husbandry represent levels of Leadership, and

WHEREAS: Each Degree serves as a point on a compass toward self development, and

WHEREAS: A compass of 7 points of direction is likely to not get you home again. Therefore, let it be

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall take up an open formal committee of interested parties within and without the state to discuss and investigate the advantages and potential shape of the formation of an 8th Degree that brings us back home to our roots, full circle, and honors those aged and special needs, those retired from leadership yet who all serve the subordinate grange and nourish our local communities and who have no greater peer, be it further

RESOLVED: that the committee shall at least consider the tangible, edible symbols of this degree be the common bean and its culinary compliment Epazote (which reduces flatulence), the animal – a wily laughing coyote. That unlike, the cultivated rose which came from China, and wheat, native to Turkey these two plants sprang unique and native to the American Continent, historic staples for the poor, one a wild and weedy herb, the other a family of pampered cultivars – whose seed must be hand planted out every year or two, perhaps the first family of plants to be farmed on earth. Conferring on these complementing cohorts the highest degree of respect and appreciation, for their work which is one to one, particular and unique, native and at home in their own local community.

VIII

Section VIII

California Grange Foundation Minutes

**CALIFORNIA GRANGE FOUNDATION
Sacramento, California
April 9, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 3:34 PM by President Tom Sawyer.

Attendance: Directors: Bob McFarland, Jon Luvaas, Leo Bergeron, Larry Kroger, Shirley Baker and Inger Bevans. Member Cheri Bunker also present. Martha Stefenoni was excused.

Agenda: Approved with an additional item to review handbook.

Minutes of the February meeting: Leo Bergeron moved and seconded to approve the minutes Yeas 6, Nay. 1 Motion carried.

There was a general discussion of the membership and the board of directors. The handbook was intended to cover issues not in the by-laws.

Fund Balances: Available for scholarships: \$8,000 from current Memorial and Restricted funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Judges have been confirmed and will work tomorrow
- Policy Manual Handbook -Changes reviewed

The scholarship committee appointed by the Foundation directors have the authority to determine the recipients and award amounts. The committee may consider other criteria in addition to the matrix in making their decision.

The award amounts shall be selected by the Committee from the scoring data. Change grades to "an important" item.

Jon Luvaas moved to accept the policy handbook with the above changes. Bergeron seconded. Yeas 7, Abstain: Bob.

Moved by Bob McFarland to approve changes to the brochure. Seconded by Shirley. Carried. Changes to be made include elimination of certain funds, re-alignment and spell checking.

Definition of a "member". The Foundation has suffered in the past with a lack of interest by most Grangers. We need to promote the Foundation and need for membership.

Bob moved that we add an annual fee for dues of \$25 for general membership to the Foundation. Larry seconded the motion. Discussion. Previous Question called. Debate stopped. Original motion approved.

Chairman Sawyer said we need to develop an Elevator Speech and start asking for donations for the Foundation. He did some research in finding grants through the internet.

Leo moved to develop a Mission Statement for the Foundation. Bob seconded the motion and it carried. It needs to be posted on our website.

Tom reviewed the Types of Grants.

Shirley moved that we include a column in the Grange News promoting the Foundation. Cheri seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion on holding a large fundraiser in the future. Bob McFarland suggested we have an annual dinner/fundraiser and invite major donors, and Bob so moved. Cheri seconded motion. Motion carried. We should get Lisa Burke involved and appoint a committee to get started.

Next meeting will be at the EC meeting on Saturday, May 21, following lunch at 1:00 PM.

Adjourned 6:21 PM

Inger Bevans, Secretary Pro-tern

CALIFORNIA GRANGE FOUNDATION
Sunday, October 16, 2011

The meeting of the Foundation Board was held Immediately following the closing of the California Stale Grange annual meeting at the Palermo Grange.

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM by President Tom Sawyer. Other members present were Martha Stefenoni, Shirley Baker, Bob McFarland, Inger Bevans and Buzz Chernoff. The minutes of the April 9, 2011 meeting were read and approved. Motion made by Shirley to accept minutes, seconded by Martha and passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Our Mission Statement is incomplete Torn is working on a draft.

FINANCIALS: Inger gave a brief summary of the year-end 2010 income and expenses as reported in the 12/31/2010 trial balance. Scholarships awarded in 2010 amounted to \$10,000. Grant disbursement totaled \$66,266. These were pass-through grants. No current Financial Statement was available.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: A request was received from Katie and Johnnie Squire. Shirley moved to accept the request, seconded by Martha. Discussion on membership and dues. Due to the By-Laws' vagueness regarding membership, the motion was withdrawn.

OTHER BUSINESS: Tom will send out notes regarding benefits. We need to solicit copies of By-Laws and policies of other Grange Foundations. Tom will send out info within two weeks regarding Policy Books.

Dale Baker requested to be heard regarding G.R.E.A T. It is a program of the Sacramento Pomona Grange. They could receive more donations if it was a fund within the Grange Foundation. We will look into the possibility.

Shirley moved to adjourn. Motion seconded and carried. Adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Inger Bevans,
Secretary Pro-Tern

