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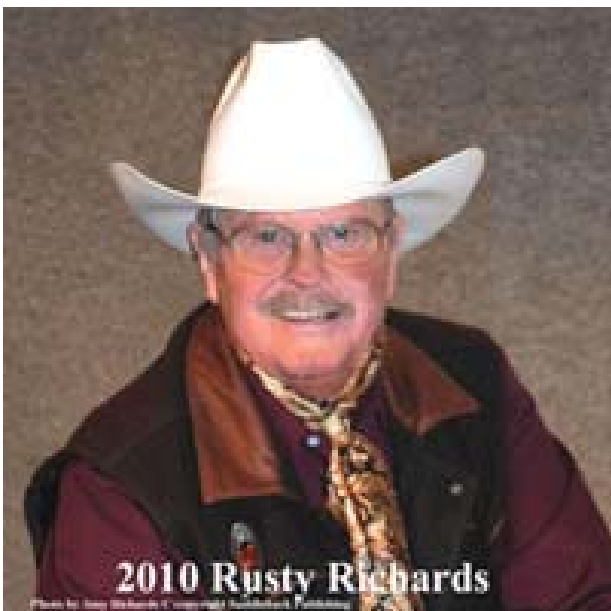
As you know we don't have control of our regalia yet and we have reached out to the State Delegates - The Great States of New Hampshire, Washington & Montana will be providing Officer Sashes for our use while we await the returned of our property. Thank you New Hampshire State Master, Chris Heath, our California State Master will proudly wear your sash during our convention and thank you to Washington & Montana for your generous offer to "sash" our officers.

Your support is very appreciated!

Convention Meals

The Best Cooks in the Orangevale will be hard at work for our convention. All proceeds for the Grange that is preparing a particular meals is a fund raiser for that Grange.

Friday Night Social Committee Concert



Boots, Hats & Buckles

▪ Who: - All Grange members are invited*. \$10.00 will be collected at the door for non-convention attendees. (members do not need to be in "good standing") Please call 760-310-6500 or email ekomski@CAStateGrange.org to let us know that you're coming, we want to have your seat ready.

▪ What: An Evening of Legendary Western music with Rusty Richards

member of Roy Rodger's Sons of the Pioneers for 20+ years and Special Guest Jason Richards

- Where: Orangevale Grange Hall, 5807 Walnut Ave., Orangevale CA

- When: 7:30 Friday, June 26th 2015

- Why: Grange Member's Getting together to enjoy our fraternal relationship. Every* Grange Member Invite

*Sorry but the individuals that signed the disaffiliation letter are not welcome.

Hats, Boots & Buckles -

Open to EVERY ("Good Standing" or not) Grange member.

An evening of legendary Western Music with Rusty Richards, former member of Roy Rodger's "Sons of the Pioneers" special guest his son Jason Richards. Bio is below.

Rusty's Bio

Rusty Richards is a cowboy who sings and a gifted writer of cowboy songs. Known for his recordings and appearances as a celebrity and headliner at many Western events, no one in Western music is more loved and appreciated than Rusty Richards.

His career has been a long and fascinating one. He is a real cowboy growing up in Modjeska Canyon, California, as well as a reel cowboy. As a young man in Hollywood, Rusty worked as a "riding-shooting" cowboy and stuntman in many Western films and TV shows, e.g. Rawhide, Wagon Train, Gunsmoke, Bonanza, Have Gun-Will Travel, etc. He has won numerous rodeo awards, including buckles and the last Ben Johnson Saddle. In addition, he is widely known for his abilities as a horse trainer.

During his long career in Western music, Rusty sang tenor with the Sons of the Pioneers for a span of 20 years, beginning in 1963. He was the Pioneers' first true yodeler since Roy Rogers. While with the group they performed worldwide garnering many awards. To mention just a few; they were inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, their star was placed on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, they were declared a National Treasure by the Smithsonian Institution, and they were awarded the Best Touring Band by the Academy of Country Music. Earlier, at age 16, Rusty had a TV program in LA, Song Trails with Rusty Richards, which was followed by a stint in the Marines and he had his own all Japanese Band in Yokosuka, Japan. He met and married Amy Richards, from Silverado

Canyon and they raised four children: Jenny, Jason, Molly and Amy Jo. Their marriage is in its 52nd year. He recorded his first solo LP for Shasta Records, and it was re-issued as A Country Pioneer on CD by Varese Sarabande in 2003. He has composed hundreds of outstanding Western songs, some of which have been recorded by the Sons of the Pioneers, the Reinsmen, Robert Wagoner, Dinah Shore and other leading artists.

Rusty's first solo all-Western CD, The American Cowboy, has long been recommended by critics as a "must" for any Western music collection. His latest album, Trails Old and New, features all original material written and beautifully performed by Rusty. These CDs are available at www.cdbaby.com.

As a solo performer Rusty has received numerous awards and honors. The National Western Film Festival in Ogden, Utah presented The Golden Lariat Award to him. He was given the Pioneer Award by the California Country Music Association, the Cowboy Spirit Award by the National Festival of the West, and The Ben Johnson Award by the Western Film Festival in Sonora, California. In 2002 Rusty received the prestigious Aguirre-Moiso Buckle awarded by the Portola Ride, in 2004 Rusty was inducted into the Western Music Hall of Fame. In April of 2004 the historic Portola Ride was dedicated to Rusty and August 15, 2009 was declared Rusty Richards Day in Modjeska Canyon.

Rusty has now written the life story of his close friend, the legendary rodeo superstar, Casey Tibbs. The book is available now as a hardbound limited edition! Rusty's songwriting has been equaled by his talent for book writing and as Baxter Black put it, "Casey Tibbs touched a lot of people, he was larger than life. That Rusty Richards has a way with words is like saying Casey Tibbs could ride a bronc. It's appropriate that Casey's biography has been written by a cowboy who is his equal."

Honor Roll - Membership Awards

13/14

Six of our California State Granges will be recognized at our convention for achieving membership growth in 2013/14 and were also prominently displayed at the National Grange Annual Session in Sandusky, Ohio, Honor Roll "Billboard".

Orangevale - Preparation - in motion





140th CSG Convention - Theme Announced



"Renovate the Grange"

Hotel Update

We have sold out of the Marriott -

We are working on a secondary Hotel. Please contact me if you find yourself in a "Pickle". Ed 760-310-6500

Jeff Skinner to address members

Our attorney and legal council will be addressing the membership on Saturday.

National Grange Representative



Michael J. Martin, Ph.D., is the Membership/Leadership Development Director for the National Grange. Martin, a native of Cummington, Massachusetts, has been an active Grange member for over four decades. Martin comes to the National Grange to give back to the organization that provided leadership experiences for him as the Master of local subordinate and Pomona Granges in Massachusetts. He also served as Membership Director and state officer of the Massachusetts State Grange. As a young adult, Martin served on the National Grange Youth Team as National

Grange Youth Ambassador. "The leadership skills learned in the Grange are exemplified in community leaders across rural America," Martin said. He is looking forward to working with Grange leaders across the nation. "The future of our country rests on the strength of our agricultural and rural communities," Martin said. Prior to joining the National Grange staff, Martin was a Cooperative Extension professional for 25 years and most recently served as executive director of the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund where he spearheaded the initiative to raise funds to support the 4-H youth development program in North Carolina. Martin has experience as a 4-H youth development agent in Massachusetts, Vermont and Pennsylvania. He was an International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) Representative to Costa Rica, and also worked to establish and strengthen the 4-H youth development programs in the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Armenia. Martin holds a B.A. from Oberlin College, and M.Ed. from Cambridge College. He earned a Ph.D. in Workforce Education and Development from the College of Education at Penn State University. Martin and his wife Wendy reside in south central Pennsylvania. Michael is a member of Valley Grange #1360 in Pennsylvania.

Convention Location



We welcome all members in "Good Standing" to attend our 140th Convention at

Orangevale Grange # 354

5807 Walnut Ave., Orangevale, CA (a Sacramento Suburb)

see www.CAStateGrange.org for schedule and registration information

The negotiated rate for the Marriott below is \$89.00 ++ which is a great rate

See you there!

Host Hotel



We have just (5/29/15) spoken to reservations at the Marriott - to our amazement Thursday night rooms have been sold out.

There are still rooms available for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please don't delay if you want to stay at our host hotel - we negotiated a very good rate.

The convention starts on Friday June 26 through Sunday June 28 - see you there!

[Reservation Link](#)

[Hotel Website Link](#)

Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova

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