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## Time for State Session



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The 138th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange is upon us and we are hoping we will have a successful session this year.

I would like to give a warm welcome to Kathy and Glenn Gibson. Kathy is the Lady Assistant Steward of the National Grange and her husband is President of the Massachusetts State Grange. They are our National Grange Representatives to the Session.

As I am writing this article, we have 19 resolutions that have been assigned to four Session Committees. The committees will be working online ahead of State Session to go over the resolutions and have them ready to be presented to the delegates. This is the same format that we used last year and it seemed to have worked out very well.

There will be a Sixth Degree Rehearsal on Thursday evening (Oct. 20) at the close of the Grange. This will, hopefully, be around 10 P.M.. All officers, deputies and court members are asked to be present at the rehearsal.

As this is an election year and I have completed my four years as your State President, I would like to thank the members of the Connecticut State Grange for your

support in the last four years. I know my term has had its ups and downs but we finally made it to the end. I had a Past State President tell me that he had gone through the same things he did when he was

State President, with the exception of dealing with the pandemic. I think the pandemic was the hardest obstacle but with perseverance, we got through it and it looks like we're on our way to recovery.

So, stay healthy and safe and we'll see you on October 20 at State Session in Norwich!

## Ignite Your Grange Marketing Fires

by Terri Fassio,  
Public Relations Co-Director

What is marketing? At its very foundation, marketing is the creation and the distribution of relevant information to your audience.

Every Grange has at least one story to tell. Most Granges have numerous stories to tell - such as community service projects, Grange events, meetings and activities, long-time members, historical accomplishments, and a vast array of interests.

An article published by Nancy E. Schwartz\* compares marketing to a campfire.

"To build a successful campfire, you need to begin with ignitable tinder and gradually add more and more wood until you have a roaring fire. It's the same with content. But before you even start that campfire, you know what your goal is - to build a fire. You'll need to set clear goals for your marketing program, so you know where you're trying to go with it - and the target audiences you must engage to meet that goal. Most importantly, with



so many channels, formats and types of marketing options it is essential to establish a solid foundation for your marketing strategy rather than randomly gathering content and hoping it all ignites in the end."

There are a number of sources that you can regularly utilize to reach your target audience of Grange members, potential members, Grange supporters and the general public-at-large. Here's a few ideas:

- Report regularly in the *Connecticut Granger* newspaper (mailed monthly to both Grange members and Grange supporters. Send submissions to granger@ctstategrange.org.)
- Send news items, calendar dates and photos to the Connecticut State Grange Public Relations team to be used in our social media and on our website. (Send your submissions to information@ctstategrange.org or publicrelations@ctstategrange.org.)
- Write articles and press releases for local newspapers (for ...Continued on page 2

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# Ignite your fire

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example: the *Hartford Courant* has a circulation of 187,000 daily; *Waterbury Republican-American* has a circulation of 44,000 daily; *New London Day* has a circulation of 25,000 daily; and the *Connecticut Post* has a circulation of 76,000 daily.)

• Develop a Facebook Page and/or an Instagram Page for your Grange (Facebook has more than 1.968 billion monthly active users

while Instagram has more than 1.44 billion monthly active users.)

• Hang posters in your local library, church, grocery store, laundry mat and pizza place to promote your upcoming Grange meetings and events.

It is important to produce content that is both engaging and exciting. Content that catches the attention of the reader. Speak from the heart, and always see the human aspect of your content. Think about what you as a reader or viewer likes to see. It could be something as simple as a new recipe, craft or gardening tip to share, or as important as donating dictionaries to the local elementary school and honoring a 50-plus year member.

The most difficult part of Marketing your Grange is finding the time to create a variety of

content to keep your marketing active, fresh and current. Having a Facebook Page for your Grange is one thing - but make sure it updated regularly or it will be forgotten and overlooked by your followers. Work together as a Grange marketing team. Share the responsibilities within your Grange, that way more members are involved and the work load is lighter per person.

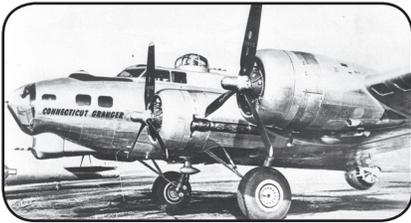
Don't let marketing your Grange slip through the cracks. Set clear goals and establish the foundations to tell your Grange stories. Ignite the fire of your Grange through marketing.

Drop us a line. We're here to help! E-mail: [publicrelations@ctstategrange.org](mailto:publicrelations@ctstategrange.org) or [information@ctstategrange.org](mailto:information@ctstategrange.org).

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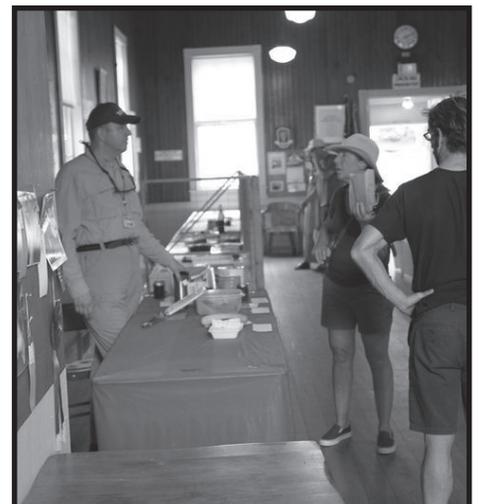
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# Attend Session from Home!

The Connecticut State Grange will convene its 138th Annual Session on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 P.M. and will continue through Saturday, October 22. There are a number of Granges that are not represented this year and I am aware of some members who are staying home due to COVID and/or medical difficulties.

For these reasons, we are offering virtual attendance at State Session through Zoom. However, only delegates who are present in-person and properly registered will be permitted to vote. This is offered solely for the purpose of viewing the Session.

If you are interested in receiving the Zoom credentials for this year's State Session, please contact the State Secretary as soon as possible.



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138th Annual Session  
October 20-22, 2022  
Norwich, Connecticut

There will be three different Zoom invitations sent to you... one for each day of the session. The camera will be turned on at the beginning of each day's first session and the viewing will continue until the end of the day. The only exception will be on Saturday when the Zoom coverage will end at the

close of the afternoon session. We cannot broadcast degree work.

If you are unable to connect using a computer/tablet/phone video, you can also connect via telephone. The number to call will be included in the information provided to you. There will be codes you will be required to enter, when prompted, to connect to the State Grange Session.

If you are interested in receiving the Zoom information on the Session, please contact:

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As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

# Hillstown Grange holds Agricultural Fair



# Resolutions for the 138th Annual Session

Since the last issue, the State President has assigned all resolutions submitted to the Connecticut State Grange Secretary to date. We are required by Delegate vote to print all resolutions in the Connecticut Granger prior to State Session. The new resolutions are printed in their entirety below. The assignments for Resolutions #1-10 are also printed below.

- 1) **RE: OPTIONS FOR CONFERRAL OF THE 7TH DEGREE.**  
REF. Credentials/Constitution & By-Laws
- 2) **RE: GRANGE ROOF REPAIRS.**  
REF. Legislative/Insurance
- 3) **RE: OBLIGATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 6TH & 7TH DEGREES**  
REF. Credentials/Constitution & By-Laws
- 4) **RE: SUGGESTING PEOPLE FOR ALL OFFICES**  
REF. Good of Order/Membership/Master's Add.
- 5) **RE: ELEVATED SURFACES.** REF. Good of Order/  
Membership/Master's Address
- 6) **RE: GRACE PERIOD FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS TO STATE GRANGE.** REF. Good of Order/  
Membership/Master's Address
- 7) **RE: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**  
REF: Credentials/Constitution & By-Laws
- 8) **RE: POMONA DUES**  
REF: Good of Order/Membership/Master's Add.
- 9) **RE: USE OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA**  
REF: Legislative/Insurance
- 10) **RE: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**  
**REF:** Agriculture, Conservation & Environment
- 11) **RE: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN GRANGE HALLS**

**WHEREAS** the National Grange Digest states in Chapter 10.11.2 that "A State Grange may allow the use of alcoholic beverages at Grange sponsored activities by adoption of a policy in the State Grange By-Laws. The individual Grange shall obtain host liquor or liquor liability coverage if it sponsors any events where alcohol will be served," and

**WHEREAS** some Connecticut Granges would like to allow "Bring Your Own" alcoholic beverages during certain Grange meetings, fundraisers, or demonstrations.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws, Article VII Other Policies, be amended by adding:

SECTION 8.1: Connecticut State Grange policy shall permit the use of alcoholic beverages at Grange sponsored activities. The individual Grange shall obtain a host liquor or liquor liability coverage if it sponsors any events where alcohol will be served and sign a Waiver of Liability, exempting the Grange from liability.

**SOURCE:** Riverton Grange No. 169; Mt. Laurel Pomona No. 15

**REFERRED:** Agriculture, Conservation & Environment

- 12) **RE: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN GRANGE HALLS BY NON-GRANGE GROUPS**

**WHEREAS** the National Grange Digest states in

Chapter 10.11.4 that "A State Grange may allow the use of alcoholic beverages at functions sponsored by non-Grange groups that rent or lease Grange property by adoption of a policy in the State Grange By-Laws. Such renters shall provide proof of host liquor or liquor liability coverage", and

**WHEREAS** some of our Grange halls are currently used for rental of weddings, parties, organizations, and enrichment activities that have requested the allowance of alcoholic beverages on property during the rental.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws, Article VII Other Policies be amended by adding:

SECTION 8.2: Connecticut State Grange policy shall permit renters or leasers meeting in Grange halls in Connecticut to allow alcoholic beverages at their specific event. Such renters shall provide proof of host liquor or liquor liability coverage and sign a Waiver of Liability, exempting the Grange from liability.

**SOURCE:** Riverton Grange No. 169; Mt. Laurel Pomona No. 15

**REFERRED:** Agriculture, Conservation & Environment

- 13) **RE: DUES**

**WHEREAS** the current dues structure of the Connecticut State Grange is no longer adequate to financially sustain the Grange in Connecticut, and

**WHEREAS** the Connecticut State Grange has not raised its dues in many years despite increases by the National Grange.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Article XIII be changed to read: Subordinate and Community Granges shall report promptly to the Secretary of the State Grange at the beginning of each quarter, using blank forms furnished by the Secretary of the State Grange, and remit dues to the State Grange as follows: \$7.50 for each member that has been a member for the full preceding quarter, of which \$4.00 shall be retained by the State Grange (remaining division to remain the same).

**SOURCE:** Connecticut State Grange Board of Directors

**REFERRED:** Credentials/Constitution & By-Laws

- 14) **RE: TERM LIMITS**

**WHEREAS** many offices in the Grange have been held by the same person for a number of years, and

**WHEREAS** several qualified members have been overlooked for election to these offices, and

**WHEREAS** many members feel they are not qualified to fill an office.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** in an effort to promote some diversity that a term limit of 6 consecutive years be imposed on every office in the Grange with the exception of Secretary and Treasurer, at all Grange levels from Subordinate and Pomona to State Officers, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this 2022 session of the Connecticut State Grange approve this resolution, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee compose the appropriate language change in

the By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange to be in effect for the 2023 Grange year.

**SOURCE:** Vernon Grange No. 52

**REFERRED:** Good of the Order/Membership/Master's Address

**15) RE: ENDING FREE VIAGRA & CIALIS FUNDING**

**WHEREAS** the United States Supreme Court reversed the ruling of Roe v. Wade abortion rights for women by stating that pregnancy is "God's Will", and

**WHEREAS** the Supreme Court has voiced banning contraceptives, birth control, and other female reproduction rights, and

**WHEREAS** the United States Government for years has been providing free Viagra and Cialis medication for men who have erectile dysfunction, which by nature is "God's Will", and

**WHEREAS** 905,083 prescriptions or \$41.6 million for Viagra and 185,000 prescriptions or \$22.82 million for Cialis have been freely given to men, and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government cannot legislate bills to reduce prescription drug pricing for "God's Will" diseases like diabetes, allergic reactions, cancers, and heart diseases.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the National Grange urge our Federal legislators to stop funding free Viagra and Cialis for men's "God's Will" limpness.

**SOURCE:** CoventryGrange#75;E.Conn.PomonaNo.14

**REFERRED:** Legislative/Insurance

**16) RE: TAXING CHURCH PROPERTY FOR USING PUBLIC EDUCATION DOLLARS**

**WHEREAS** the United States Supreme Court ruled that religious schools can use public education tax dollars to enroll students into a religious school, and

**WHEREAS** the separation of church and state has been defended over the years to prevent the use of tax dollars to support religious education, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the National Grange urge legislation for the taxation of church property so that religious education funded by public education tax dollars will also be funded by the collection of church property tax dollars.

**SOURCE:** Coventry Grange No. 75; Eastern Connecticut Pomona No. 14

**REFERRED:** Legislative/Insurance

**17) RE: BANNING STOCK TRADING FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATORS WHILE IN OFFICE**

**WHEREAS** our Federal legislators possess information that can be used for inside trading of stocks, and

**WHEREAS** inside trading is illegal to the public, but not to legislators and immediate family members.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the National Grange urge the Federal Government to ban legislators and immediate family members from investing in stock trading during their terms in office.

**SOURCE:** Coventry Grange No. 75; E. Conn. Pomona No. 14

**REFERRED:** Legislative/Insurance

**18) RE: USDA EMERGENCY FARM AID**

**WHEREAS** many disasters have great impact on our farmers in the past years, with extreme weather, fires, and economic disruptions, and

**WHEREAS** the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has always provided emergency funding to compensate farmer's losses, and

**WHEREAS** filing for emergency funds has become more difficult, requiring lawyers and accountants to fill out these multi-page applications, and

**WHEREAS** many small family and minority farmers are unable to afford the outside help and have their applications denied.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the National Grange urge our legislators to have all farmers have equal access to USDA's emergency funds, for large, small and minority farms.

**SOURCE:** Coventry Grange No. 75; E. Conn. Pomona No. 14

**REFERRED:** Agriculture, Conservation & Environment

**19) RE: CONNECTICUT STUDENT ASSISTANCE**

**WHEREAS** according to the Education Data Initiative, the average cost of college tuition and fees at a public 4-year institution has risen 179.2% over the last 20 years for an average increase of 9.0%, and

**WHEREAS** the average cost of tuition and fees at private 4 year institutions has risen 124.2% over the last 20 years for an average annual increase of 6.2%, and

**WHEREAS** the University of Connecticut is in the middle of a five year plan that will see a 23.3% increase in tuition by 2024, and

**WHEREAS** the Connecticut State Grange Student Loan program routinely receives loan applications of at least \$10,000 or more due to the tremendous gap between financial aid awarded and the balance remaining, and

**WHEREAS** the high cost and the lack of centralized resources for receiving guidance and assistance in planning for college/post-high school education may deter students from even considering advancement of their education, and

**WHEREAS** the State of Vermont has VSAC, the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, which is a public, nonprofit agency established by the legislature in 1965 to "help Vermonters achieve their education and training goals after high school," and

**WHEREAS** VSAC begins working with students early on in their high school careers, many of whom do not have the financial resources to attend college without substantial guidance and financial assistance, and

**WHEREAS** Connecticut has programs like CHET (Connecticut Higher Education Trust) that helps parents to save for college at a substantial tax savings and the Connecticut Aid to Public College Students Grant Program that could be brought under the umbrella of a centralized Connecticut Student Assistance Corporation modeled after the program established in the State of Vermont.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange urges the Connecticut General Assembly establish a centralized public, nonprofit Connecticut Student Assistance Corporation modeled after Vermont's program

to provide a public, nonprofit agency that would provide education and career planning services, need-based grants, scholarships and education loans and assistance in navigating the complicated process of applying for Federal and State financial aid, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** Connecticut's other programs like CHET (Connecticut Higher Education Trust) and Connecticut Aid for Public College Students be brought under the umbrella of this new organization to provide a comprehensive, one-stop-shop for Connecticut students.

**SOURCE:** Winchester Grange No. 74

**REFERRED:** Credentials/Constitution & By-Laws

**20) RE: ELECTRIC FENCE LOANER AND SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS** interactions with wildlife often involve farm and homesteading operations that involve chickens, bees, and small livestock, and

**WHEREAS** some interactions can result in property being damaged, and wildlife being killed and their young orphaned, and

**WHEREAS** wildlife are part of the beauty and natural history of Connecticut, preventing property loss is a priority, and peaceful coexistence with wildlife requires moving food and, in some cases, providing a deterrent, and

**WHEREAS** an appropriately installed electric fence is an effective deterrent, and

**WHEREAS** local farmers are looking to diversify their products and services, and

**WHEREAS** supporting local farms, public well-being and climate mitigation and adaptation are stated goals of the State of Connecticut and eligible for Federal funding.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Connecticut State Grange urge the Connecticut General Assembly to pass legislation and/or the Department of Agriculture to allocate the resources necessary to establish an electric fence temporary loaner and/or subsidy program. The primary goal of the program is to provide unprotected farm and homesteading operations with an interim or subsidized electric fence for those who qualify. Properly installed electric fencing will reduce property loss and adverse interactions and teach wildlife to avoid these ongoing food sources. The secondary goal is establishing local hubs for technical assistance and loaner electric fencing. Local hubs could be administered by farmers or other local businesses interested in diversifying their income.

**SOURCE:** Simsbury Grange No. 197

**REFERRED:** Credentials / Constitution & By-Laws

**21) RE: WILDLIFE FEEDING BAN AND ORPHANED BEAR CUBS**

**WHEREAS** wildlife, enticed by easily available food, can become habituated (i.e. too comfortable around humans), and habituation can lead to adverse interactions, and

**WHEREAS** adverse interactions occur most commonly with coyotes and bears, and

**WHEREAS** interactions with habituated bears have resulted in damage to bird feeders, trash, and homes, and resulted in bears being killed, and in bear cubs being orphaned, and

**WHEREAS** bear cubs typically spend 18 months with their mother, and the survival rates of cubs orphaned during their first year is unknown, and

**WHEREAS** these problems are costly and upsetting to the public, the public wants peaceful coexistence with wildlife, and changing human behavior and adopting humane policies can prevent problems.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that there shall be no intentional feeding of wildlife species known to be a source of adverse interactions, and the use of bird feeders in areas with habituated bears is prohibited from March 1 through November 30 unless the source of food is recognized as undesirable to bears, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that prior to September 1, orphaned bear cubs less than one year old are routinely trapped and transported to an authorized bear rehabilitator.

**SOURCE:** Simsbury Grange No. 197

**REFERRED:** Agriculture, Conservation & Environment

**22) RE: MATCHING FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY GRANGES**

**WHEREAS** Connecticut State Grange is made up of Community Granges, and

**WHEREAS** Community Granges can be the lifeblood of a community, and have a strong history in our State, and

**WHEREAS** we need welcoming, non-denominational, and non-partisan community-based organizations that strive to build cooperation and comradery, and share the values of community resilience and stewardship and fellowship, and

**WHEREAS** the Connecticut State Grange has sold significant assets in recent years, including Community Granges, the Connecticut State Grange building, and Camp Berger, and

**WHEREAS** without proper stewardship and strategic planning the Connecticut State Grange may cease to exist, and

**WHEREAS** some Community Granges are struggling with deferred maintenance and capital costs, some costs are impossible for them to fund without help, and the investment in avoiding the deterioration of a Community Grange building as an asset is 1) for the Good of the Order, 2) benefits the Connecticut State Grange directly, and 3) benefits the home community, and by extension, the role of Granges in communities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Connecticut State Grange provide limited matching funds to Community Granges for qualified capital improvement costs. These matching funds shall be available to any ongoing loan program. The eligible match is limited to 50% (up to half the cost) and no more than \$10,000 for any one project, for example:

**Scenario 1:** The project cost is \$10,000. The Community Grange can ask for up to \$5,000 as a match and \$5,000 as a loan.

**Scenario 2:** The project cost is \$30,000. The Community Grange can ask for up to \$10,000 as a match and up to \$20,000 for a loan, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this matching program does not change the current loan program, and of course, a Community Grange can always contribute more cash to

reduce the loan amount.

**SOURCE:** Simsbury Grange No. 197

**REFERRED:** Legislative / Insurance

**23) RE: NATURAL SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH**

**WHEREAS** natural systems are our lifeline, and

**WHEREAS** there is a mental health crisis declared in 2021 by the American Association of Pediatricians, which added to already costly and increasing public health issues, and

**WHEREAS** spending time in nature benefits all ages, and has demonstrated benefits for mental health, blood pressure, cognition, emotional regulation, and immune function, and

**WHEREAS** Connecticut is one of the most densely populated states, without nearby national parks, and

**WHEREAS** accessing and protecting nature is a strong public value that also protects clean water, the climate, and biodiversity, and prevents flooding, and aligns with mandated goals for reduced emissions, and

**WHEREAS** Frederick Law Olmsted, born in Hartford 200 years ago, was visionary in providing natural spaces for public health, mental health and democracy.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Olmsted parks in Connecticut\* be established as Heritage Parks and prioritized for public health and access to nature and ecology, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that mature old-growth public forests on public land be prioritized as reserves for regional climate stability, clean water, flood protection, ecosystem integrity and public health, including mental health, and stewardship of these areas and Heritage Parks shall be advised by independent experts that include soil scientists, ecologists, and public health experts, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the following resources on public lands shall be protected, as possible, with at least a 100 ft. buffer from farming and forestry activities: old-growth forests, water resources (to include headwaters), natural core forests, and identified wildlife corridors. Any variance from this buffer is a regulated activity permitted through the applicable Inland Wetlands Commission and/or Conservation Commission.

**SOURCE:** Simsbury Grange No. 197

**REFERRED:** Legislative / Insurance

NATIONAL GRANGE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

PRO TIP

**Grange** is always capitalized

In every instance, the first "G" in Grange is always capitalized because Grange is a proper noun. It's important to make sure in all of your flyers and announcements. Grange is capitalized and that you tell any reporters or news outlets you encounter that Grange is a proper noun and a registered copyright.

P-H GRANGE

# Redding welcomes Fall



Redding Grange President Elizabeth Jensen greets visitors to Redding's Welcome Fall event on Sept. 22.

Redding Grange is seeking sponsorships for our first Agricultural Fair since our reorganization! We are SO EXCITED to revive this Redding classic that has been part of our town for generations. Our fair will be on **Sunday, October 23rd from 11am-3pm**. Donor recognition will appear in Ag Fair printed material and social media (if you want) and your gift comes with a commemorative Redding Grange Fair ribbon! Any funds raised over and above the needs of the fair will be put to use in helping our hall's refurbishment and bringing future celebrations to town.

Sponsorship Levels are: Golden Sheaves: \$200; Silver Sheaves: \$ 100; Feeling Farmy Friends \$50; Friends of Redding Grange (for businesses) \$250.

As we are still a little 'no frills' in our technology, please send a check to Redding Grange PO Box 177 Redding Ridge, CT 06876 or Venmo us @Redding Grange (listed under Redding Grange 15) Please include how you would like your recognition to appear, and contact. To be included in printed recognition, please respond by Friday, September 30th.

Want to knock our socks off with a gift over \$250? Email us at [community@reddinggrange.org](mailto:community@reddinggrange.org) to discuss recognition and fun-bringing opportunities!

THANK YOU for helping to keep the lights shining bright at Redding Grange for years to come!



**EASTERN CONN. POMONA #14**

*Corr: Noel Miller*

**Dec. 3:** Dinner at 6, Meeting at 7.

At our September 10 meeting we voted to adopt a resolution regarding the elimination of Pomona dues. We also voted to move our meetings to the first Saturday of the month quarterly. This is to not interfere with Community Grange events.

**GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26**

*Corr: Kathryn Ruff*

**Oct. 6:** Trick or Treat, Ref. Marycharles Howe & Kay Ruff

**Nov. 3:** Thank a Veteran. Ref. Doris Monaco & Priscilla Schmartz

At a recent meeting, Overseer Tom Breen presented Brother Peter Hunt with his 25 Year Certificate.

It was really nice to see Peter as we had not seen him in several months.

On Sept. 10th we held a "Used Book Sale" with the Tag Sale that was held by Hemlock Grange. It was a success and we are looking forward to doing this again next spring.

A reminder to our members: We are supporting "Carol's Closet." It is held at St. James Episcopal Church, 2584 Main St., South Glastonbury. Carol's Closet is a paper pantry providing paper and personal products to Glastonbury residents only. Our members are asked to bring in donations to this cause and Ann and Dan Posuniak will deliver them to the church.

We will be holding a "school of instruction" rehearsal prior to our next meeting which is October 6th. We will meet at 6:45 P.M. to go over



Glastonbury Grange Overseer Tom Breen (right) presents Peter Hunt with his 25 year Silver Star certificate at a recent meeting of the Grange. Below, members of Glastonbury Grange manned a Used Book Sale tent at the Hemlock Grange Tag Sale on Sept. 10.



Grange procedures for the benefit of some new officers and a benefit for all. At 7:30 P.M. we will hold our regular monthly meeting and the program is "Trick or Treat."

I have noticed during the past week that the trees are turning from green to orange, yellow and red. Fall temperatures have arrived and that surely feels good. Glastonbury Grange wishes all a very "Happy Halloween."

**SENEXET GRANGE #40**

*Corr: Diane Miller*

**Oct. 8:** Cleaning Saturday

**Oct. 13:** Working meeting 2PM

**Oct. 15:** Membership Awards

**Oct. 29:** Shepherd's Pie Dinner

**Oct. 26:** Monthly Meeting Pumpkin/Halloween Activity

**Oct. 27:** Pumpkin Decorating

We continue to have activities in our hall for the community. We are planning an Awards day program for our long time members on Saturday Oct. 15. We had an installation of officers night at Killingly Grange. It was good to be together with their officers. Thank you to Noel Miller and his team for installing us.

We had a great exhibit at the Woodstock Fair in the exhibit hall. Thanks to our members and their families for providing items for the display. This display includes

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many items showing the work of the Grange and our significant symbols.

We held a very impressive Welcoming Ceremony for 5 new members. We welcome Fred, Herb, Eva, John and Xandar. Each of them gave a short talk about their interests and we enjoyed hearing their stories.

There are several dinners being planned as fundraisers. A pumpkin decorating contest will be held just before Halloween. This brings members of the community into our hall.

Thank all of those who help with our activities. That is what the Grange is about.

**VERNON GRANGE #52**

*Corr: Irene Percoski*

**Oct. 7:** Program by Deaf Activities Committee

**Nov. 4:** Hunger Awareness, Grocery Bingo

**Dec. 2:** Stress Relief

Our delegates for the State Session will be Nancy Strong and Dawn Percoski. We passed a resolution and passed it on to the State Secretary. We will continue to meet in-person as long as the weather cooperates, but there is always the option of Zoom. So no excuses not to attend. Reminder to all that dues are now \$30 per year, due October 1. We have some wonderful Bingo cards ready for the November program.

Congratulations to Carol for winning our secret word contest. Please continue to collect canceled stamps for the wounded and hope to see you at the next meeting.

**COVENTRY GRANGE #75**

*Corr: Noel Miller*

**Oct. 6:** Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

This past month we draped the charter for Joan Toomey of Colchester Grange #78. She started in Columbia Grange and Colchester Grange #78. She will be greatly missed.

We are all relaxing after working at the Big E and getting ready for

State Session.

**N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138**

*Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller*

**Oct. 14:** Legislative Program

**Oct. 28:** All Ghosts & Goblins invited to the Halloween Party (7:30)

Our Community Service project this year helped to brighten up our town war memorials and rec. building. Many thanks to Cheree, Robert and Jason Miner and Jeff and Debbie Barnes for their hard work in planting the flowers and keeping them watered during the drought.

Our August programs were presented by either the ladies or the

gentlemen and were very enjoyable. Julia Watrous, our Lecturer's granddaughter, performed a beautiful dance at our August 26th meeting, dancing on her toes to "Pas de Deux" from Sleeping Beauty.

Our one meeting in October will be presented by the Legislative Committee. We will hold our annual Halloween Party on the 28th and the festivities will begin at 7:30. There will be prizes for costumes and games. Please come in costume and bring the kids or grandkids. And if only we get a little more rain so our lawns will green up a bit, next time I'll tell you all about sweet September.

# First place at Four Town Fair



Vernon Grange No. 52 placed first with their exhibit at the Four Town Fair.



# 80 Year Member

Dorothy Dimmock of Vernon Grange (formerly Tolland Grange) receives her 80 Year membership certificate from Vernon Grange Master Nancy Strong. Dot has just celebrated her 99th birthday and is doing well. She enjoyed the visit which included Grange members Carol Nelson and Joyce Jordan. Congratulations, Dot!



**MOUNTAIN LAUREL POMONA #15**

*Corr: Todd Gelineau*

By this writing, all of the Granges within Mountain Laurel Pomona should have received their new 2022-2023 Mountain Laurel Pomona Handbooks. The cost of printing these books is being absorbed by the Pomona this year. This may not be the case next year as the Pomona may ask Granges to pay for the books they receive. Please distribute them to all of your members and use them as a tool to keep your members updated on your upcoming meetings and to know how to contact the various officers and committees of your Granges.

With the approach of State Session, we are seeing the close of State Master George Russell's term in office. We have been proud to have George represent Mountain Laurel Pomona so well these past four years and wish both Sharon and George all the best as he retires from the Master's station.

If the election goes as expected, Mountain Laurel will have the rare distinction of back to back State Masters from the same Pomona. We'll see if history is written in October!

Due to a conflict, Mountain Laurel's Executive Committee had to select a new delegate in place of Rob Buck. Brother Peter Keefe will serve as delegate with Pomona Lecturer Debbie Vail. Brother Buck will be a delegate for Oxford Grange #194.



State Representative Maria Horn (Left) poses with Taghannuck Grange Master Barbara Prindle in the Grange booth at the Cornwall Agric. Fair.

The next meeting of Mountain Laurel will be held at Winchester Grange Hall on December 3 at **2:00 P.M.** This will be "Christmas Fun" and a collection of hats and gloves/mittens for the tree will be taken up at the meeting.

**WINCHESTER GRANGE #74**

*Corr: Todd Gelineau*

The officers of Winchester Grange were installed at the September 27 meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Oct. 11 when a "Chill is in the Air." A potluck supper will be held at 6 P.M. with all members asked to bring a small dish for the meal.

The second meeting of the month will be on Oct. 25 and the program is "Ghosts and Goblins." Sue Addison will be responsible for refreshments that evening.

**TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100**

*Corr: Barbara Prindle*

**Oct. 13:** Installation of Officers. Ref. Debbie Hanlon

**Nov. 10:** Transition Towns by Chris Hopkins. Ref Janet Nickson

**Dec. 8:** Cookie Exchange Ref. Cookies & Milk

We meet the second Thursday of the month. Social time with refreshments at 7PM and the meeting starts at 7:30PM.

At our September meeting we draped the charter for Millie Massey



who came to our Grange from Wichita in 2008. She cheerfully held the office of Flora at Taghannuck for many years and is missed by all.

Donations were made to the Sharon Food Pantry, Cornwall Food & Fuel fund and the Washington/Warren Food Bank. This is the end of our Grange year and our donation to The Heifer Project completed our yearly donations.

A big "Thank You" goes out to Shirley Moore for sending us the samples of the canvas needlepoint Grange bookmarks that she designed when I showed her, at our last Pomona meeting, what the Sharon Library was giving out. We displayed them at our tents/booth at the Cornwall Agricultural Fair and visitors loved them. We have a contact list of 10 fairgoers who want to know more about our Grange.

At our October meeting we will discuss the Resolutions assigned to our committee coming up at State Session. This gives in-put from our members and direction to our delegates.

# Grange on National Register



## NUTMEG GRANGE #16

*Corr: Joanne Cipriano*

Not much to report from Nutmeg Pomona as of this writing. We will not be meeting for two weeks. Unfortunately, my crystal ball is not very clear as to what will happen at the meeting. See the next *Granger*.

Handbooks have been distributed. If you did not get your Grange's, please contact Joanne and we will try to make arrangements to get them to you. Until next month, stay healthy.

## CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

*Corr: Ruel Miller*

**Oct. 5:** What is Special About Oct.?

**Oct. 19:** True Colors

Our annual fair was very successful including our Sunday roast beef dinner. We had good help all around. The public was glad to see us back to our two day format. The fair brought us two new member applications. We had our installation of officers on September 7th preceded by a potluck supper. We are planning a fund raising dinner for September 24th. Several of our members will be attending the State Session. We are looking forward to a return to some sort of normalcy in the new Grange year and wish the same for all our Connecticut Granges.

## HARMONY GRANGE #92

Harmony Grange held its annual Agricultural Fair on Saturday, Aug. 27. Fairgoers were treated to demonstrations from the Masuk Robotics Club, the Monroe Historical Society and Jim Ritter's Backyard Solar Energy Demonstration, as well as antique cars and tractors. Maddie Ritter won first prize for her



It's official! Greenfield Hill Grange Hall has officially been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. The plaque was installed during their recent agricultural fair.

sunflower. Guardians Farm and Red Barn Crafts brought their wares, Dirt Road Dairy Farmers, a 4H Club displayed goats and a beautiful jersey calf and there were numerous examples of chickens from Silkies to Heritage breeds.

Highlights of the day, besides the fabulous food, like the delicious corn donated by Mason's Farm was the agricultural judging and an amateur photo contest.

The agricultural competition was fierce. Judge Cynthia Giancaspro, a professional horticulturalist and owner of Garden-Pro, an agricultural consulting firm, said she had a tough time picking winners from all of the incredible entries.

There were many first prize winners, but ultimately it was James Rowe's duck eggs that stole the

show. Rowe, a Trumbull resident and student at Platt Technical High School, won first prize for his duck eggs, which then went on to win Best of Show.

George Ward, 96 years old, Past Master of Harmony, exhibited the dairy equipment his family used in the late 30s and 40s in Maine when the farm had four milking cows. He milked two cows mornings and evenings and his father milked the other two. The equipment consisted of a milk/cream separator, a cream to butter churn, a cream earthen crock and a butter form box.

Many hours of planning and preparation by Grange members made the event possible.

## BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

*Corr: Joanne Cipriano*

As we start another Grange year, we are starting to use our new Lecturer's program theme "The Flower of the Month." October's program on the 14th is Cosmos in the charge of Carol Brooks. Marie Sousa will be in charge of refreshments.

Haven't given a medical report in a while. Happy to hear that Bob Brush is home from the convalescent home and recuperating following an accident at his truck repair shop. Wife Susan is also home from the same convalescent home after a fall. Ceres Sandy Fitzner attended our last meeting after her stay at a convalescent home. The only one I know still in a facility is Judy Reynolds. We hope they are all well on their road to recovery.

Our November meeting is "crysanthemums" in the charge of Pat Fischer- refreshments are in the charge of Joanne Cipriano.

We continue to hold our monthly tag sale on the third Saturday of each month from 9 to 3 and our Open Mic the same day 2 to 5. Come and join us.

**GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133**

*Corr: Jim & Lori Golias*

Our annual agricultural fair was a great success! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this such a wonderful event.

Also thank you to our local Boy Scout troop 90 for helping to clean the grounds, set up, and help break down the tables. The manpower certainly is appreciated.

At our August meeting, Lady Assistant Steward Lori Golias presented the Greenfield Hill Grange with a wonderful surprise. Although the Greenfield Hill Grange was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2008, no plaque was ever put in place to recognize this. Lori contacted the state and applied — and the plaque was received a few weeks later. A small plaque installation ceremony will be planned soon.

The Greenfield Hill Grange celebrates its 130th anniversary in January, 2023.

As I write this, we are taking reservations for our Lobster Fest which will be held on September 10. It looks to be sold out and a great

way to wrap up the summer. What a great tradition! Never forget— September 11. God bless those lost, their families, and those suffering from 9-11 related illnesses.

At our September meeting we held our installation of officers. Congratulations to all the officers, including our new President/Master Stephanie Thompson, Steve Golias our former Master will now be our Overseer.

On October 29 we will hold our Halloween party and dinner. Menu to be announced. Consumes optional.

A November dinner is in the works. For information call Jim, 203-259-8023.

Continued prayers for Ukraine. And thoughts and prayers to those who have family in harms way.

**LYME GRANGE #147**

*Corr: Lois Evankow*

**Meetings: Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5**

Thanks to many, many volunteers, Grange members and non-Grange members we had a very successful Hamburg Fair in August. Record-breaking gates with about 6,500 people in attendance. We had some new events. People loved them... the

horse pull and oxen pull were not held. In the past few years animal activists have come and disturbed everything.

Our Grange voted a delegate to State Session. As soon as we get more information, we will have a certificate night. It's overdue. Hopefully in October we shall accomplish this.

One member, Ruth Young, is due to receive her 75th year certificate from National Grange. What a special milestone to a special lady.

Hope everyone survived the heat this past summer and are looking forward to a nice, mild fall and winter.

**HEMLOCK GRANGE #182**

*Corr: Maureen Sanborn*

**Oct. 14:** Things we like about October. Speaker: Annise Dobson-Jumping Worms

**Oct. 28:** Omitted, unless regular meeting is canceled.

**Nov. 11:** November is a wild time. Speaker: Maddie Dres- Farm Link

**Nov. 25:** Omitted for Thanksgiving

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

**Ekonk Community Grange #101**

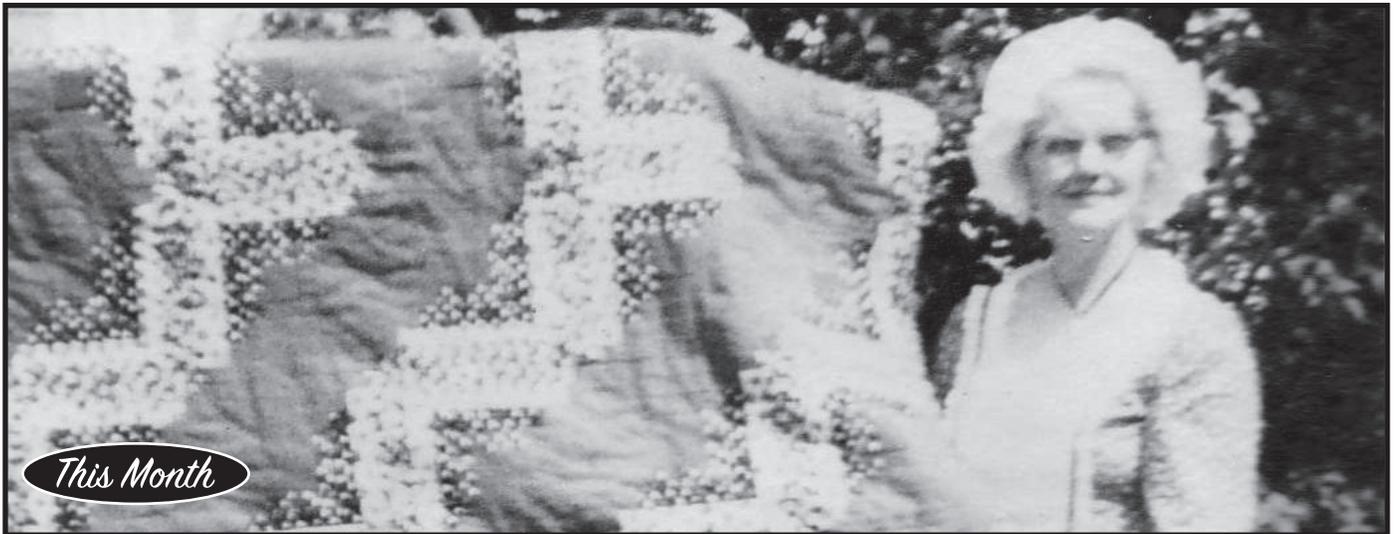


We held our Installation at our August meeting, and we learned how to do paint pouring. We were able to enter the masterpieces at the fair. We paid for Creative Game Parties to come to the fair, and she thoroughly engaged and entertained all present. Participants learned how to hula hoop, juggle scarves, and other fun activities. At the end, one lucky family went home with a brand new hula hoop.

Sterling Family Day is a big day for those of us in town. We are setting up a table with information about our Jr. Grange, and will provide supplies for any/all who want to paint rocks.

# WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a history to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us uncover the mystery of faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing: [submissions@ctstategrange.org](mailto:submissions@ctstategrange.org).



No answers were received for the September Window Picture.

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## Butternut Lasagna with Mushrooms & Sage

Fall has officially arrived, and with the leaves changing and a chill in the air, comfort food takes center stage. Feasting at home has a recipe for Butternut Lasagna - a nice autumn vegan twist on a classic dish - perfect for the holidays or your next Grange potluck.

**YIELD: 9 servings**

### INGREDIENTS:

Small butternut squash (2.5lbs – 3lbs)  
(you'll need about 4 cups, roasted)  
1/2 a sweet onion, sliced into big wedges  
olive oil for drizzling

### Mushroom Filling:

2 tablespoons olive oil or butter  
1 1/2 lb mushrooms, sliced (cremini, button, shiitake, portobello, wild mushrooms, etc.)  
1 fat shallot or 1/2 onion, diced  
4 garlic cloves, chopped  
2 tablespoons fresh chopped sage  
1/2 teaspoon salt \*optional – feel free to add a couple of handfuls baby spinach or greens and wilt them.

### Ricotta Mixture:

1 lb ricotta cheese (or sub vegan tofu ricotta) If using the tofu ricotta, no need to add more salt or egg.  
Just nutmeg  
one egg (optional)  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon salt

### Butternut Puree:

3 tablespoons olive oil  
3–6 tablespoons water  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 1/2 cups grated mozzarella cheese (about 3–4 ounces) or sub vegan

“meltable” cheese  
1/2 cup romano or parmesan (about 1 ounce) or sub vegan no-boil lasagna noodles (uncooked)

### Optional Quick Béchamel Sauce:

1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil (or butter)  
1 1/2 tablespoons flour  
1 cup milk (or nut milk)

Generous pinch salt, pepper and nutmeg remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella and 2 tablespoons parmesan (or melttable vegan cheese )

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat oven to 425F. Cut butternut squash in half, scoop out the seeds and place open side down on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Place sliced onion next to it and drizzle it with a little olive oil. Roast until fork-tender, about 30-40 minutes. Let cool. You could do this a day before or cook whole in an instant pot for 22 minutes.

Lower oven to 375F. Make the mushroom filling. In a large skillet, heat the oil or butter. Add mushrooms and shallots and salt, and saute over medium heat, until the mushrooms release their liquid and begin to brown. Add the garlic, sage and pepper. Cook about 2-3 more minutes, turn the heat off. You could toss in some spinach at the end and wilt for extra nutrients. Taste and make sure the filling has enough salt and pepper. You could also add a little truffle oil. You could make this 1-3 days ahead and refrigerate.

Using a fork, mix the ricotta cheese with the egg, nutmeg and salt. (You really don't have to add the egg, but it adds a nice richness.)

**BUTTERNUT SAUCE:** When the butternut is cool enough to handle,

scoop all the flesh out into a food processor. You should have about 4 cups. Add the roasted onion, olive oil, water, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Puree until smooth. You will need at least 3 1/2 cups pureed and you want it to be almost saucy, like a marinara sauce ( so add water if need be). This will act as the “sauce”.

Assemble the lasagna. In a greased 9x13 inch baking dish, add 1 cup of the butternut puree and spread out into a thin layer. Top with lasagna noodles. Add 1/2 of the ricotta mixture and spread out evenly. Top with half of the cook mushrooms. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup grated mozzarella and a couple tablespoons romano cheese. Add more lasagna noodles. Spread out the rest of the ricotta mixture as evenly as possible. Spoon half of the remaining butternut puree, erring on the side of less than half, so you have enough to cover the top (save at least 1 1/4 cups for the top.) Add the remaining mushrooms and all the good bits (onions and sage) and sprinkle with another 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella and couple tablespoons parmesan. Place the final noodles over the top. Lather with the remaining butternut puree and sprinkle with the rest of the cheese or make the creamy béchamel sauce. You could assemble this 1-2 days before baking.

Cover tightly with foil and bake in 375F oven for 40 minutes. (If the foil touches the lasagna, place a layer of parchment between the foil and lasagna). Uncover and continue baking 15-20 minutes until golden and bubbly. Cut into 9 servings.

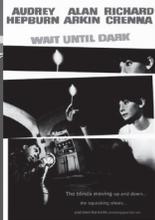
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**TIPS:** Optional Béchamel: So instead of sprinkling the remaining cheese on top, make a quick light béchamel sauce to pour over the final layer of butternut puree using the remaining cheese. This just gives it a creamier look and feel (compared to the look of melted, grated cheese). To make the bechemel: heat the oil or butter in a small pot over medium heat. Add the flour, and toast it for 1-2 minutes. Gradually whisk in the milk, whisking out any clumps and browned bits. Stir in salt, pepper and cheese, stirring until melted and incorporated.

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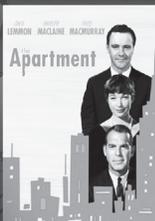
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**IN WHOM WE LIVE AND  
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God intended that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. "For in Him we live and move and have our being" as some of your own poets have said "We are His offspring."

*Acts 17: 27-28*

The life of every living thing is in His hand, as well as the breath of all mankind.

*Job 12:10*

I have talked before about how some people picture God as being some aloof old man with a white beard, sitting on a throne far above us, and out of touch. But the truth is that God is not far off, but rather very close to us. We are limited by our human perspective of things, and try to bring God down to our scale, not being able to comprehend God as he truly is, greater than the entire universe that he created and maintains, and yet in contact with all of creation at all times.

Thus, God surrounds us and is with us wherever we go. We cannot hide from him, nor should we worry that he will not be present when we need him. "Ah", you say, "if God is all around me, why do I not see him?" Yet, the air surrounds us on all sides and we do not see it.

However, we see and feel and hear the effects of the air as it moves, rustling the grasses and blowing across our cheeks. We can become aware of God's ubiquitous presence if we become aware of his actions, at all times, in all places, not only around us but also within us.

The Psalmist who wrote Psalm 139 sums it up nicely:

*Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?*

*If I go up to the heavens, you are there;*

*if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.*

*If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,*

*O even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.*

**In Memoriam**

**Hugh Lennox Karraker**  
*Redding Grange No. 15*

**Joanne Ritchie**  
*Cawasa Grange No. 34*

**Joan Toomey**  
*Coventry Grange No. 75*

**Henry Coe, G.S.**  
*Hemlock Grange No. 182*

"Well done, good and faithful servants."



By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange Friends! October has arrived! The Big E will soon be ending (or has ended by the time you read this), and the CT State Grange Annual Session will be upon us before we know it. As the leaves change, we usher in the start of a new Grange year, and I will soon be passed on to the new State Grange President. I would like to thank George and Sharon for all of their care, fellowship and friendship over the last 4 years. If you see me at State Session, stop by for a photo and to say Hello. I love having my picture taken with my Grange friends!

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