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Youth Report

Brothers and Sisters,

Woot ! Woot !! The momentum continues to build !!

The youth hosted their day at the log cabin. Buttons were the game for the day. Kids visiting chose between 2 designs, colored their button, we created the button and the kids walked the fair advertising the grange. The buttons were a hit and the youth voiced a desire to do them next year. We'll have 4 designs each year, retiring 2 designs each year and bring 2 new designs on board. The youth wish the button design to be a contest judged at state session. This will be a new contest for 2011.

Woot, Woot !! Oregon has 5 youth awarded the opportunity to attend National Grange Session in Charlotte NC this November. Lorisa Schnetzky, Tigard Grange Washington County, will represent Oregon as Youth Ambassador. Youth attending as members of the Youth Officer Team are as follows:

Steward – Orrin Schnetzky, Tigard Grange Washington County

Gatekeeper – Jeff Johnson, Milwaukie Grange Clackamas County

Ceres – Olivia Suing, Crow Grange Lane County

Pomona – Kiri Schnetzky, Tigard Grange Washington County

Alexa Suing, Crow Grange Lane County, was selected Flora but a schedule conflict prevented her from accepting this year, however, I have no doubt National Grange will see her in future years.

Youth lent Boring Damascus Grange some manpower in September with their annual classic car in progress show ... we had lots of fun helping out and seeing the huge variety of vehicles that a car show brings, everything from muscle cars to the batmobile.

In conjunction with the legislative committee, the youth committee will develop an Oregon Legislative Experience. This new program will allow youth to receive exposure on how our government functions and give them an appreciation of how our laws are made by spending a few days at the state capital. We will tie this program to the OSG day at the capitol so the grange has a younger face. The National Grange has a legislative experience during national session focusing on grange procedure. We are offering the Oregon Legislative Experience as a complimentary program to the National experience. My appreciation to Roger Wilson, OSG Legislative Director, and Jim Welsch, OSG Lobbyist, for being open to creating this opportunity and their valuable assistance in molding it's structure.

Whew! Enough for now. Until the next column keep on granging and encourage a youth!

Fraternally,
Kitty "Cat" Thomas



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HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

Boulevard Grange #389

Invites all grangers and friends to the annual "Hands Across the Border" friendship luncheon and program. It will be held March 19, 2011 at 1p.m. (mst) at Boulevard Grange Hall, S.W. of Ontario, Oregon, 3890 Highway #201.

The hall is wheelchair accessible.

Boulevard is furnishing the meal, so please notify us by March 12, 2011 if you will be attending.

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Larry Rea Master OSG

The Master's Column

Someone asked me the other day what it is that I do as Master of the Oregon State Grange. My response was: "What do you think I should be doing?" Without a moment's hesitation they gave me an answer. It wasn't what I expected but it was food for thought. So now I routinely ask the question myself.

Being Master is mostly a struggle to manage time. Perhaps a look at my diary so far for October might yield some clues.

Friday, October 1, 2010. The State Office is not staffed on Friday but the Veteran's Committee is meeting at 1:00. I chose to open early and do paper work while it is quiet. I made a fresh pot of coffee and got to work. The committee began arriving at 12:45. Reverend Bob Biggs led a productive meeting with much active discussion about establishing veterans committees in the Subordinate Granges. After they departed I gathered my stuff and headed for Eugene to meet with Willakenzie Grange. They intend to elect officers. They are struggling to keep their doors open and the members are divided over some issues with hall use.

After the meeting at Willakenzie I returned to Salem to spend the night with plans to drive to Lincoln City on Saturday, October 2 to meet with the North Lincoln Grange. I made time to shop at the Outlet Stores, picking up a few new shirts in the process. North Lincoln did not have enough members for a quorum but we had a lively discussion on Grange topics. I drove up the coast to Tillamook and used the Wilson River Highway to return to

Portland.

Sunday, October 3: Chris and I decided to make an apple run to Hood River, crossing Lolo Pass near Mount Hood to look at fall leaves. The apples are late so we didn't get very many, the season is about three weeks behind, and the pears are still hanging on the trees.

Monday, October 4: A day to recuperate, wash clothes, and do some reading.

Tuesday, October 5: Left Gresham at 5:45 AM for the State Office. Foggy day but traffic was light so made good time. Tom Byron, the copy machine guy, came to the office to talk to us about getting a new machine. I left the office about 2:30, planning to visit Mosier Grange that evening. They didn't have enough members for a quorum but we had a lively discussion on the State Grange Budget and the need to raise dues. Home by 9:00 PM.

Wednesday, October 6: Left Gresham at 5:30 AM... normal day at the office... home by 7:10 PM

Thursday, October 7: Left Gresham at 6:20 AM... normal day at the office... Mark Noah and Jackson came by after 4:30 to talk about the data base and set priorities for future revisions. I would like to see us be able to create the roster from the data base. As it is the roster is a huge project, using too much time for the use we get from it, primarily the address list for the Bulletin. We should be able to use it as the center for all our written communications. Home by 8:00 PM.

Friday, October 8: Left Gresham for the office at noon. I plan to stay in Salem tonight and then leave early for Azalea Saturday morning. Worked at the office until 5:30 PM.

Saturday, October 9: Left Salem at 6:45 AM and drove to Azalea Grange to meet with the 2009 Session Committee. John Fine, Beverly Doescher, Phyllis Wilson, Kristina Hawkins and I looked at the final financial tabulations. After the committee meeting John Fine, Beverly Doescher and I discussed possible reorganization strategies for several Douglas County Granges. We have received much interest in the two Granges that closed earlier this year. I wonder if we will get the

same press coverage we got when they closed. After the meeting I proceeded to Ashland for the next four nights.

Sunday, October 10: A day free for sight-seeing and leisurely reading, bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order. (I know, I know...).

Monday, October 11: Met with Eagle Point Grange at 11:00 AM. They didn't have a quorum but we had an interesting discussion anyway. Met with Bellview Grange in Ashland at 6:00 PM. It was my sad duty to revoke the charter of that Grange. It was an emotional event for all of us.

Tuesday, October 12: Met with Phoenix Grange and newly consolidated Griffin Creek Grange. Phoenix hosted a potluck dinner before the meeting and had a good turnout. Jackson County Pomona Master-elect, Dixie Wafler, was present as well as the Pomona Master from Josephine County, Ken Phillips.

Wednesday, October 13: Left Phoenix at 7:10 AM in a fog bank that lasted to Roseburg. Stopped at the Fine Ranch for a short visit with John and Peggy Fine, then headed to Salem and the office, eventually arriving home at 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 14: Left Gresham at 5:00 AM for Salem. Marilyn Reiher has volunteered to spend one day a week at the State Office and Thursday is the day. Arrived back home at 7:00 PM

Friday, October 15: Rest and recuperation. Grocery shopping and clothes washing etc.

Saturday, October 16: Left Gresham at 7:00 AM and drove to Elkhorn Grange at Haines. Malcolm and Cookie Trupp presented a District Membership Summit to 25 plus people. We stayed for dinner at the Haines Steakhouse and then decided to drive back home. We drove 600 miles Saturday.

So figure this out. So far in October I've driven 3,200 miles. At 60 mph that's about 53 hours and 20 minutes sitting in the driver's seat watching the yellow center stripe and the fog line and trying to keep the car between them. Sometimes I practice reciting the ritual... so it's not exactly time lost but if I had an autopilot I could get some work done.

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Ag Report

Since God placed man on earth, Agriculture has existed. There is no organization that precedes it, no order or association that can rank with the tillers of the soil.

These words which are a part of the installation ceremony for the elected leaders of our organization at all levels exhibit the importance of Agriculture to the founders.

Even though the industry of Agriculture has been altered significantly since the creation of the Grange in 1867, the importance of those that provide the food and fiber for our country and the entire world need the same admiration.

The Oregon State Grange Agriculture committee is charged with promoting all aspects of this vast and critical industry. We encourage input and ideas from the members and encourage each to contact myself or other members of the committee. We look forward to being of service to the membership.

Since asked by the State Master to assume this responsibility in our organization, I have endeavored to obtain members from each of the districts to serve on the Agriculture Committee. We have also served a day at the Log Cabin at the Oregon State Fair. In future articles I anticipate being able to discuss issues that face those in the industry. For now, I will just report that this summer has been a very eventful on my ranch. We are still in the process of installing more permanent electric fence and additional water facilities. This is in addition to our responsibilities at the Douglas County Fair and a weekend promoting lamb for the Oregon Sheep Growers at the Willamette Country Music Festival at Brownsville. As fall is arriving we are still attempting to apply fertilizer and seed to the pastures. By the time the first lambs are born we hope to be ready. Past experience has shown that the lambs will appear whether we are ready or not. Best wishes to all.

John Fine, Director
Agriculture Committee
Oregon State Grange

DAFH Report

Wow! Deaf Awareness and Family Health. Such a huge kettle of fish (and I hope you are eating yours twice a week). I can't think of a single decision that we make in our lives that doesn't have an impact on our families' health. From the choices we make in the grocery store to the choices we make when we vote there are many opportunities to improve and protect our families' health. There is an amazing array of topics for our committee to consider and causes to promote. But, as Nillson said in a song in the 1970's, "a point in all directions is the same as having no point at all." So, we need to narrow our focus a bit.

I am as concerned about the health of our granges as I am about the health of our families. It seems to me that, for each, having a healthy circulatory system is critical. We all know what that means in our bodies. I think that in our granges having a healthy circulatory system means that we have a way of getting people to visit us and find out what we are all about. To that

end, the main focus of the Deaf Awareness and Family Health Committee in the next year or so will be figuring out how we can host successful health fairs in our halls. As we gather those pieces of what makes for a successful health fair, we will be putting it together in a workshop and that we'd like to offer in each district. In the meantime, you can expect from us a monthly email on a related topic, perhaps with an idea or two for our DAFH chairs in your grange to share and maybe an idea or two along the way for our lecturers.

I'd like to introduce those who've accepted positions as district chairs so far:

District 1: Marilyn Reiher

District 2: Sherry Pollock and Ann Durrant

District 3: Open

District 4: Pat and Kim Boyd

District 5: Ken Naylor

District 6: Jane Curry

When the time comes that our workshop is ready to travel, they'll be calling on you looking for granges willing to host your district's How to Host a Health Fair Workshop. They will also be there as resources to help you with the steps if your grange decides to host a Health Fair.

I'd like to ask all of you to send me the names of any dentists, chiropractors, medical docs, massage therapists or any other health care providers or health resources in your area who you think might be interested in participating in an event in your area. I'd like to contact them and keep a list of folks who might like to take part. Also, please send me the name and contact information for your grange's DAFH chair. I'd like get ideas from all of you about how we can partner with health providers in our communities. I know, for instance, that there are counselors looking for places where rural veterans and their families can have some PTSD

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GIA DIRECTOR VACANCY

Grange Insurance Association (GIA) wishes to acknowledge and thank Jo Reed for her completion of 24 years of service on the GIA board of directors. As a result of the completion of Ms. Reed's service, the Nominating Committee for GIA is soliciting applications for director for District #12. The territory of District 12 encompasses the whole of the State of Oregon.

The bylaws require:

Section 7 – VACANCIES. "The Board of Directors shall fill vacancies on the Board for the unexpired term of the vacated Director"...

Section 3. (f) ...The Nominating Committee shall consider such factors as integrity, intellect, independence, inquisitiveness, vision, an ability to work with others, breadth of experience, availability, and insurance experience. In selecting candidates, the Nominating Committee shall seek candidates with competence in a business or profession.

Director Eligibility:

No person shall serve or be eligible for nomination or election as a Director unless: (i) the person is and has been a member of this Association for at least five (5) consecutive years; (ii) the person and his or her spouse (if any) is not and has not been, within three (3) consecutive years, an officer (such as president, vice-president, etc.), director, manager, partner, master, overseer, member of an executive committee, or holder of a similar position with any State or National Grange or affiliate thereof; other than a Director of this Association or its affiliated insurance companies; and (iii) the person and his or her spouse (if any) is not a director, officer, manager, agent, broker, or employee of an insurance company that writes property and/or casualty insurance other than a Director who is an agent of this Association or its affiliated insurance companies at the time these Bylaws are adopted. Candidates for nomination who attain the age of 72 years or older by the annual meeting for which they are a candidate for election may not serve as Director, unless that candidate at the time of his/her election is a serving Director of the Association. Serving Directors of the Association who attain the age of 80 years or older by the annual meeting for which they are a candidate for election are not eligible for nomination as a Director unless they are a serving Director at the time these Bylaws are adopted. Temporary vacancies resulting from death, disability or resignation of a Director shall not be deemed to reduce such total regular membership.

Applications for Director may be obtained by contacting David Suver, Corporate Secretary, 206 448 4911 or downloaded from www.grange.com under corporate governance. Applications, along with a resume, should be submitted as soon as possible.



Executive Committee Minutes July 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by Master Larry Rea. The opening prayer was led by the State Secretary Phyllis Wilson. Other Executive Committee members present were Derrell Witty, Don Sether, Mark Noah and Malcolm Trupp. Also attending was State Deputy John Knox. A quorum was declared.

MINUTES:

- A. May 22, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting – Accepted as amended.
- B. June 25, 2010 State Session Minutes – Derrell moved, Malcolm seconded to accept minutes of Friday's Journal as amended. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. June 18, 2010 Resume from Attorney James Foster – Larry explained that our attorney, Don Willner, indicated Mr. Foster has been working with him. Larry will be meeting this coming week with both of these attorneys. Mr. Foster's office is in The Dalles. The resume shows Mr. Foster graduating from the University of Oregon Law School in 1972. He developed a practice directed toward farm and ranch work where many of his clients were orchardists, wheat growers and cattle producers. He has represented the Northern Wasco County People's Utility District for the last 22 years. He has worked with non profit entities and service groups.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

A. 2011 Budget – The proposed budget was approved by delegates last month with the required 2/3 vote. Monday night's meeting at State Session was very informative and helped delegates understand the need for approval. Malcolm complimented Carol Everman for her input and for serving as head of the Session budget committee. Don felt it was necessary for state officers and directors to visit more Granges and let members know what we are doing at the state

level. John felt that we have lost some of our clout because of loss of members. Malcolm moved, Don 2nd to revise the 2011 budget to reflect the dues increase. Motion carried.

B. May & June 2010 Bank Statements – Copies were presented to each committee member for their review. Phyllis explained that about \$33,000 in checks were written the week prior to State Session, causing the June balance to be considerably less than the May balance.

C. 2009 Audit Proposal – Upon request, the accounting firm renting the rear portion of our building submitted a bid of just under \$8,000, plus \$900 for tax returns. Phyllis moved to engage the services of Mike Rice to conduct the 2009 audit. Malcolm 2nd. Motion carried. Larry will let them know that the bid was accepted and that we want the audit performed as soon as possible.

NATIONAL GRANGE:

A. July 17 & 18 Visits by National Grange Master Ed Luttrell – Ed is on a nationwide campaign to visit and talk about membership, duties of officers and protection of the name "Grange". He will be at Columbia Grange in Hermiston at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 17, and at Walterville Grange in Walterville at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 18. Larry has been asked to address state issues and is open to any suggestions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Cold Springs Property – The property has been sold to a private individual and the title company has notified us that "the check is in the mail". The new owner has already started renovating the building. Jim Phillips, another potential buyer who was unable to finance the purchase, will be sent \$2,000 for his ongoing work in repairing the building after vandalism and keeping the office informed of the ongoing problems with the vacant building. We need to remind the new owner of the time capsule located near the front of the building.

B. State Session Review – Malcolm inquired about any action needed by this committee

on any approved resolutions. Phyllis said that all approved resolutions will be printed in the August Bulletin and when she gets this information compiled, we will then know what further action is needed. Any resolutions requiring National Grange action needs to be sent soon to National. Other items mentioned included:

Conflicts in some scheduling – too much down time, move some of Tuesday's schedule to Thursday, postpone action on resolutions until Thursday & Friday, eliminate the Worship Service, eliminate the Memorial Service, combine the Worship and Memorial Services and hold it on Sunday, have the Ag Tour on Wednesday, removing name of Grange submitting a resolution when the committee amends the resolution.

C. OSG Brochures – We each received a copy of the "Grange and You" membership brochure from Larry and were asked to pass it on to a non-member. He is challenging members to each bring in one new member. Membership Co-Director Cookie Trupp joined us to talk about the need for our second brochure "What is the Grange?". This brochure needs to be handed out at the same time with the other brochure. Phyllis took responsibility for this second brochure not being printed prior to State Session and explained that her reasoning for doing so was the time factor and the cost of printing 2500 each of two different brochures versus 5000 of one brochure. The second brochure will be printed and available for the Log Cabin at the State Fair.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Eastside Grange Property – Larry reported on the findings of an evaluation performed at no charge to us by the DEO. We could have denied access by the DEO to the building but felt the evaluation was necessary. There was a low percentage of asbestos found in the hall's tile floor and a higher percentage in the shield near the stove. No other asbestos was found. Probable cost for removal and disposal by a licensed abatement contractor prior to demolition of the building

would be between \$2500 and \$3500. Other problems include lead based paint in the soil – about \$6,000 to remove the soil, petroleum contamination, concerns about the septic system not being decommissioned properly and a well under the kitchen needing to be decommissioned. He estimated about \$10,000 to abate the problems and recommended removal of the asbestos. Derrell moved, Don 2nd to take care of the asbestos at Eastside Grange due to the fact that it is going to be a liability for the OSG with money to come from the Reverted Grange Fund. During discussion, Larry pointed out that the abatement of asbestos in our Grange halls will be a huge problem for us in the future. Following discussion, the motion carried.

B. Request from Coburg West Point Grange #535 Regarding Easement – The request from an owner of property adjacent to the Grange property involved a 10' W x 44.5'L piece of property for a power line. The owner had indicated that the power line would be underground but this was not indicated in the easement proposal from PacifiCorp. Malcolm moved, Don 2nd that we approve the easement as long as it is an exclusive underground easement. Motion carried.

C. Revocation of Riversdale #731 Charter – Phyllis explained why she felt it was necessary to revoke this charter in June when she was Master. Larry was approached at State Session, after he became Master, to recall her action and he refused the request. The revocation became effective at midnight Wednesday, June 23, and remains in effect.

D. Schedule 2010 Meetings – Next meeting will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25.

E. Signature Changes for Banking/VISA/Investments - Ø Mark moved, Don 2nd authorizing Larry to be a signer on the Bank of the Cascades account and the VISA account. Motion carried.

Ø Phyllis moved, Malcolm 2nd authorizing Larry to be a signer on all investment accounts. Motion carried.

F. Repairs to State Sashes – The sashes for the Graces need to be repaired. Larry will follow through on this matter.

G. Crooked River Grange – Ken and Shirley Naylor joined us to discuss the request from Crooked River to consolidate with Terrebonne. Because of the small membership and extenuating circumstances of these members, they will need help with the consolidation process. The Naylor's volunteered to help with the consolidation. The Grange

Your Name: _____

Moving? Let Us Know.

New address: _____

Grange Name/Number: _____

Old Address: _____

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owns no property and stores its possessions in a shed. The members greatest concern is an annual steak dinner sponsored by the Grange for the local fire department just before hunting season and the need for this dinner to continue. Don moved, Mark 2nd to accept this verbal proposal pending a letter indicating that it is the will of the Grange to consolidate with Terrebonne. Motion carried. Both Derrell and John volunteered to help.

H. Membership Resources -

Ø Derrell requested a visit to Eastern Oregon by the Membership Co-Directors Malcolm and Cookie Trupp. Date and place to be determined.

Ø John requested membership conferences in the valley. The co-directors asked for some possible dates and locations.

Ø Three (3) banners are on loan and a fourth banner is needed.

Ø Coffee mugs and pins need to be re-ordered.

Ø The co-directors are using the "Fish" video and have printed booklets. They will continue with their "puzzle" program, emphasize a positive attitude and use membership tools from the National Grange. They will "take their show on the road".

GRANGE REPORTS:

John Knox – Because of Thelma's health and his farming, John has not been able to visit any Granges. He requested a 4-month unpaid furlough for July, August, September and October but would be available on occasion at the Master's request. Don moved, Malcolm 2nd to accept his request. Motion carried.

Derrell Witty – Derrell has been taking care of Clarann following her surgery. He has membership recognition certificates to deliver. Derrell has learned that OSU Extension Service is trying to place county agents in districts in its attempts to change from rural to urban. Derrell asked that Grange members attend these meetings to keep informed.

Officer/Director Reports – The reports included the following:

Ø Franklin Property - Malcolm has been cutting the grass at Franklin and stated that we need to market it and not consider reorganization as there are too many Granges nearby. Phyllis moved, Malcolm 2nd that we proceed with any preparation work, such as a Lot of Record, needed to market the Franklin property. Motion carried.

Ø Four Oaks – Mark stated that some decisions need to be made about Four Oaks. He is not sure it can be reorganized. The

power appears to have been disconnected. The ceiling needs to be replaced at a cost of about \$3000 to \$4000. It was the general consensus of the committee to have Larry inspect the building before any other further action.

Ø Rental of Conference Room – Phyllis told the committee that the rental never occurred as the planned classes were cancelled.

Ø Master's Report – He visited Sandlake and delivered its Goodie Basket. Problems continue at Union Hill and the charter might have to be suspended. A request has been made by Eagle Point in Jackson County to withdraw about \$3000 to \$4000 from its trust fund to replace a blown compressor in the air conditioning system. Malcolm moved, Don 2nd to authorize the State Master to allow this expenditure from the trust fund. Motion carried. Phyllis, Susan and the Master visited Willakenzie because of ongoing internal problems. He will be meeting next week with the Master. Mt. Fannie needs a water supply. He suggested that Derrell determine the cost to run a pipe from a neighbor's property and underneath the road to the hall and to have the water tested. He also said that the deputies are to track their odometer readings, place, destination, etc. and that the expenses would be charged against the Dormant Grange Fund.

Executive Session from 12:15 – 12:20 p.m.

Following the Executive Session, Don moved and Mark 2nd to designate Phyllis as the Assistant to the Master with the pay to be the same as that of the State Deputies and that the salary is not to be associated with her State Secretary duties. The motion carried with five (5) yes votes, zero (0) no votes and with Phyllis abstaining from the vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis A Wilson
OSG Secretary



Phyllis Wilson, Secretary OSG

Secretary's Notes

When you were installed as secretary of your Grange, the installation ceremony revealed to you the pertinent duties of your position. As a reminder, I have included the secretary's charge below:

The duties of your office are most arduous of all, requiring judgment, promptness and efficiency.

You become the organ of the Grange, and through your communication is maintained with the Granges throughout the land. Let your correspondence at all times be courteous, brief, yet comprehensive.

The records of this Grange will be held as a memento of your labors long after the recording hand has crumbled into dust.

Let them be exact, that they may redound to your honor, and exhibit a faithful history of the work of your Grange to all who come after us.

So now that you are the Worthy Secretary, are you asking yourself where to begin and what do you need to perform these duties? Below is a list of the minimum items necessary for you:

✓ Minute Taking Tools – It's your choice as to whether you use a computer or paper & pen. But remember, your minutes must be kept in some kind of permanent manner and accessible to others. Your minutes are the "history" of your Grange. Minutes are also part of the annual Grange audit.

✓ Individual Membership Records – These forms have areas to complete as to when the member first joined the Grange, degree work, positions held, etc. Payment of annual dues is recorded on the back.

✓ Membership Roster – A complete list of your members. This roster can also include addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. The OSG Office sends a roster every September and asks that you return it with any corrections.

✓ Dues notices – Dues are payable in full by January 1 of each year. Notices are to be sent 30 days prior to January 1 of each year. There are four (4) different notices to be sent: 1st reminder, 2nd reminder, final reminder and notice of suspension.

✓ Dues Receipt Card – Also can be used as a membership card.

✓ Officer Roll Call Book – To record attendance of officers. Quarterly Reports

These reports are sent from the OSG Office and reflect the membership figures of your Grange based on information on previous quarterly reports submitted by your Grange. The office does not add, delete or make changes on its membership records unless the information is included on a quarterly report.

The reports cover January through March, April through June, July through September and October through December. Each report must be read at a regular meeting at which there is a quorum of at least seven (7) members and approved by the members. The report will indicate the amount of dues owed to the OSG. The report is delinquent if not received in a timely manner.

2011 Membership Dues Increase

By action of the delegates at the 2010 State Session, the minimum amount of dues for an individual was increased from \$30 to \$40. Family memberships increased from \$60 to \$80. If your Grange charges \$40 or less for an individual or \$60 or less for families, this could easily result in a financial hardship for your Grange as it will have to make up the difference in what it collects from members to pay its quarterly dues to OSG.

The by-laws contain a procedure for increasing dues with one stipulation requiring a 30-day notice to all members as to when a vote will be taken to increase Subordinate/Community member dues.

Secretary's Handbook

A new handbook was "almost" available prior to June's State Session. I am working on more revisions and hope to have it available before 2010 comes to a close.

When I first became secretary of Sumner Grange back in the 1970's, I soon realized that it was far more work than I had imagined. It required perseverance on my part and was not a job I could do an hour or so before the meeting. I also learned that the secretary must work with the master/president so that the Grange conducts its business in an orderly manner.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I would also be very interested in conducting a workshop for you or for a group in your area. The members do not realize the work involved for the secretary. A workshop is a great way to learn and organize a team of Grange leaders. Call me at: 541-572-4117 or leave a message for me at the OSG Office: 503-316-0106.

Fraternally yours,
Phyllis Wilson
OSG Secretary

GRANGE

Community Service/ Involvement

The Community Service / Involvement team has been very busy since State Session in June. Many of you have been making suggestions for improving the system by which we get the necessary forms out to the Community Grange Chairman. That, plus the guidance and suggestions from the Worthy State Master, have helped us make some important changes that you will need to know about. Perhaps the most important improvement that we have been making is some much-needed changes to the way reports are processed. In the past, the District Chairpersons have been responsible for receiving the Semi-Annual reports, compiling them, and then sending them on to the State Directors. That system has now been changed. Now, Semi-Annual reports should be sent directly to the State Directors, not the State Grange office nor the District Chairpersons. We feel this will help save postage and time for all concerned. We have again discovered some questions on our report forms that duplicate questions on other OSG committee report forms, so they have been carefully gone through to and made sure they will not conflict with other committee requirements or reporting forms. The next thing we have made changes to is the Annual Report form. During this year's judging for the Community Service Yearbook and Grange of the Year contests, the judges made note of several things they thought should be eliminated or changed. We have also changed the scoring and judging criteria for both contests to make the scoring easier to understand and more compatible with other contests held around Oregon. This should make it a lot easier for more Grange to participate in the Community Service Yearbook competition. Remember, the National Grange provides prize money to those Granges who participate in Oregon's Community Service Yearbook contest each year. To get that money, Oregon must have at least 10% of our Community Granges participate in the contest. Currently that figure equates to roughly 19 Granges! Finally, we plan to have these changes available for your use in the very near future. Remember, you can go the Oregon State Grange website and check out every form and contest we have

written about. We also would like to remind each Grange member who reads this that these forms and contests we have told you about are for **YOUR** benefit and enjoyment. As your Community Service / Involvement State Co-Directors we love to see the goals and accomplishments attained by each Grange and how your programs and activities change from year to year. It is truly wonderful to see the innovation and creativeness that comes from the Community Granges. It is also great to see the benefit each Oregon community gets from the activities and presence of Community Granges such as yours!

Fraternally Submitted,
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GWA REPORT

Greetings Brothers and Sisters: I hope you have had a wonderful summer. It certainly wasn't very long this year. We have been so busy that it went by without our being aware.

I received approval for my Chairpersons for GWA and they are the following:

District 1

Judy Butler
2310 Hubbard Lane
Grants Pass, Ore. 97527
chfjudy@msn.com
541-476-2642

District 2

Nadine Telschow
5422 Portland Rd. NE
Salem, Ore. 97305
503-949-7925

District 3

Julie Schnetzky
11860 SW 91st Ave.
Tigard, Ore 97223
503-804-3645

District 4

Ann Dickson
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Mulino, Ore 97042-8779
503-632-4512

District 5

Empty

District 6

Val Richmond
3809 Clark Blvd.
Ontario, Ore. 97914
541-889-5790

My thanks goes out to each of these Ladies for agreeing to be a part of The GWA team.

I am in the process of typing up our next years activities planner. If you have a change to your contest or have decided to not

continue to sponsor the contest, PLEASE let me know immediately. Once it is in the planner, it is very difficult to let people know that that contest is no longer available. Also if you want to sponsor a new Contest I would be happy to include it.

Have a wonderful day and be Happy.

Fraternally,
Beverly Doescher
GWA Director



The Chaplain's Message

WHO BUT GOD?

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

John 14:18

With a heavy ear, Ester left her son Noah's bed and headed for the mailbox. When Noah was fourteen, he'd been diagnosed with bone cancer, but the cancer had recently spread to Noah's lungs and had affected his breathing. The doctor said it was only a matter of time until Noah's life would end, and Esther wanted to spend as much time with her precious boy as possible.

Esther reached into the mailbox and withdrew a stack of letters. She was surprised to see that one of them was from her sister, Betty who had offered in a previous letter to come stay with the family as Noah's time drew near. Since Esther didn't know when to tell Betty to come, she hadn't responded.

She tore open the letter and began to read.

Dear Esther:

I wanted you to know that I'll be arriving on Friday morning. Could you please have someone come to the bus station to pick me up?

Esther blinked against burning tears. Does Betty know something we don't? Has God laid it on my sister's heart to come now?

The following day, Esther was surprised when a knock sounded at the door and she discovered her closest neighbor, Sarah, standing on the front porch.

"I've brought you a casserole dish," Sarah said. "And I can stay to help with anything that needs to be done."

Overcome with appreciation, Esther could barely speak.

A short time later, Janet, a neighbor, and Katherine, another neighbor, came over. One by one, each family member showed up, and everyone gathered around Noah's bed. That evening, Noah passed peacefully from this life to the next.

Despite her sorrow, Esther felt joy in knowing that God had summoned her friends and family when they were needed the most.

"Who but God knows exactly what we need, when we need it?" she whispered.

There are many times when we are unable to do anything about our external circumstances. Those are the times that we need to remember to call on God, for He is only a prayer away. God feels our pain and is always there to offer comfort when we endure sorrows. He often uses friends and family to minister to us during difficult times. God will give us the strength and energy to make it through the hardest of times.

When someone else is going through difficult times, we should be sensitive to God's calling so that we may minister to those in need.

Daniel W. Le Brun
Oregon State Grange
Chaplain

Grange Exchange

Crow Grange #450

Crow Grange will have it's annual Thanksgiving Potluck and Open House on Thursday November 18th at 6p.m. The Grange will provide the Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, and Potatoes. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert and join us for a great evening of food and fellowship.

Please come join Crow Grange #450 as we celebrate our 100th anniversary on Saturday February 19th, 2011 from 1p.m. to 4p.m. Come and see our new building project, (no more saggy roof) and join us as we present 25 and 50 year pins to some of our members. Refreshments will be served also.

Eagle Creek Grange #297

Eagle Creek Grange #297 is hereby notifying all members of a proposed increase of dues from \$35 to \$45 of individuals and family membership will increase from \$60 to \$70 per year. A vote will take place Nov. 20th meeting and the increased amount will begin for dues for 2011.

Fraternally
Joan Pudlow, Secretary
Eagle Creek Grange #297
phone 503-630-7024

KINTON GRANGE HOSTS A NINE COUNTY MAY PICNIC!!

MAY 14TH, 2011 AT 1PM-4PM A PICNIC WILL BE HOSTED FOR GRANGE MEMBERS IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

BENSON, CLACKAMAS, COLUMBIA, LANE, MARION, MULTNOMAH, POLK, WASHINGTON, AND YAMHILL.

This is the time to come together and share what is happening in our granges, what we want to happen in the future, how we can support one another, making new friends and co-sharing ideas and events. We want to meet you! We want our granges to grow and be a vital part of our communities and state. Let's unite with ideas and commonalities. We will provide the picnic style lunch and we will have live music, etc. We are excited to meet you and get to know each of you.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL TO:

Dorothy Sackett
10945 SW 121st Ave,
Tigard OR 97223

or

e-mail to: chile2008rh@hotmail.com

Kinton Grange Picnic - May 14th, Sat., 1PM

Your grange name _____

Number _____

Members Names : _____

Number of members attending : _____

Your address: _____

Your phone contact and person: _____

Your email contacts: _____

PLEASE RESPOND BY MARCH 15TH SO WE CAN HANDLE FOOD PREPARATION, SEATING AND SO FORTH.

PLEASE LOOK ON OUR WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS: WWW.KINTONGRANGE.ORG

WE ARE SO GLAD THAT YOU WILL COME AND BE PART OF THIS GREAT EVENT.

HARDING GRANGE #122

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

Sunday - November 7th - 2010,
11 AM - 3 PM

Menu Includes: Turkey with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Sweetened Squash & Yams, Applesauce, Cranberry Sauce, Pickles & Olives, Choice for Pumpkin or Apple Pie & Beverage of Choice.

Located @ 21552 S Fischers Mill Rd, Estacada (located @ intersection of Fischers Mill & Harding Rd - 1 Blk off Springwater Rd).

Proceeds benefit our community outreach activities.

Additional info & orders to go - call 503 631-2012

JUNCTION CITY'S OPRY

COSTUME CONTEST (ALL AGES)

OCTOBER 30, 2010

SHOW - 7 PM

\$5.00 pre-sale

\$6.00 at door

16 yrs & 5yrs \$3.00 (\$4.00 at door)

4yrs & under FREE

Call 998-3507 for tickets

Location: JC Grange Hall, corner of 14th and Kalmia (1420 Kalmia) Junciton City.

Come in Halloween Costume, prizes will be given (all ages). costume contest prizes donated by Sandy's Curves, AAAutomotive, Les Schwab, and JC Grange 744

JCHS Cheerleaders will have refreshments on sale

White Eagle Grange #683

It was discussed at the White Eagle Grange #683, August 21, 2010 meeting to raise the dues to \$50 per member per year, \$90 for family membership per year, and \$350 for Lifetime membership, due to the increase in dues at the Oregon State Grange level voted on in June, 2010 by the Grange Delegates. This dues increase will be voted on at the November 20, 2010 meeting held at the White Eagle Grange at 1:00 pm with finger foods at 12:30 pm. All Members should be there to be heard and to have your vote counted.

White Eagle Grange
Hwy 395 between Pendleton & Pilot Rock Will be having their

monthly all-you-can-eat breakfast

Two breakfasts' a month (weather permitting) Nov. through May:

November 6, 2010

November 20, 2010 (meeting after brkfst @ 12:30 pm)

December 4, 2010

December 18, 2010 (meeting after brkfst @ 12:30 pm)

7:00 am - 10:00 am

Menu consists of:

Pancakes

French toast

Biscuits & gravy

Ham Scrambled (two eggs scrambled with chopped ham)

Eggs (any style)

Hash Brown Potatoes

Ham & sausage links

Beverages

suggested donation of:

*****\$6.00 adults*****

\$3.00 6 yrs-12 yrs

Free under 6.

For more information call

Gail Wilson 541-276-3778,

rgwilson@oregontrail.net

If you wish to join the Grange, the **meeting times will be the 3rd Saturday following our breakfast at 1:00 pm, 12:30 fingerfoods, unless otherwise noted.**

Phoenix Grange #779

Phoenix Grange #779 voted to amend their by-laws at the September 14, 2010 regular business meeting to change the time of their meetings from 7:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Maureen Hunter

Secretary

Phoenix Grange #779

Winona Grange #271

WHAT:

Community Potluck and Concert

WHO:

All community, COST: \$10 donation, Proceeds to our college scholarship fund for youth pursuing Agricultural fields of studies.

WHERE:

Historic Winona Grange #271, 8340 SW Seneca St, Tualatin, OR 97062

WHEN:

Friday, October 29, 6:00pm potluck, 7:30pm concert

Fall Harvest Festival Potluck

Winona Grange hosts its 3rd annual old-fashioned community potluck on October 29 at 6 pm. Bring your favorite main dish, salad, or dessert to share with others. With so many good cooks, you can count on a great meal. The Grange provides beverages and table service.

Concert: **Nancy Curtin** with **Nancy Conescu** and **Eddie Parente**

Nancy Curtin first came to local and national attention as one of this country's most accomplished interpreters of Irish traditional music. She is well-known for mining the treasures of obscure and beautiful material from both Ireland and Scotland. Irish music legend Micheal O'Domhnaill described her voice as "fervent and riveting," and the Oregonian wrote, "The purity, strength and emotional range of that voice will have listeners groping for comparisons to. .. great traditional singers like Jean Redpath and June Tabor." Another reviewer said, "She was raised in an Irish family and steeped in the music all her life, and it shows" (Steve Edge, The Rogue Review).

Nancy has traveled to Ireland twice, and has toured the United States extensively with other Irish musicians. She has recorded three CD's, beginning with the self-titled "Nancy Curtin," followed up with two CD's recorded in the 1990's with guitarist Randal Bays and the popular band, the Strayaways. Songs from these recordings have been regularly featured on "The Thistle and Shamrock" radio program. In recent years Nancy has branched out into the realms of jazz and classical singing, but continues to return to her first love, the music of Ireland.

More information by emailing Sam Keator, Chair
sam.keator@frontier.com

Marilyn Reiher Co-Chair

m_reiher@comcast.net

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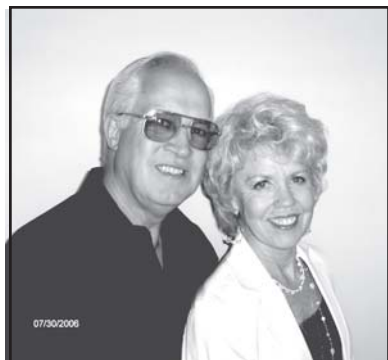
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News about the Grange

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Malcolm and Cookie Trupp
OSG
Membership Co-Directors

In the Grange, as a grass-roots organization, any member is capable of being a leader. Leadership is not limited to the officers and committee chairs. Actually every active member is a leader in some way. Leading is showing others a path and then encouraging them to join you on that path.

Leadership can be writing an article for the paper, chairing a Grange activity, or being enthusiastic, positive, and supportive of the Grange events. Leadership is one of the puzzle pieces of our Membership Program. By working together each leader will grow and improve. If we lead in the Grange, the Grange will lead in the Community.

If you want to see what a leader looks like, just look in the mirror!



Fraternally,
Malcolm and Cookie Trupp
Oregon State Grange
Membership Co-Directors
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workshops near where they live.

We haven't abandoned Deaf Awareness, if you are wondering. Sherry Pollock is our lead on Deaf Awareness as one of her children is profoundly deaf and Sherry's family moved to Oregon because of the quality of the Deaf School right here in Salem. We are just expanding our area interest in order reach out and be of wider service.

Please look at the Family Health tab on the website www.orgrange.org. We put links to health related news, event and other health related information. If you think of a link that we should have there, please send it to our OSG webmaster, Marilyn Reiher, or me.

In the meantime, I'd like to remind you that November is American Diabetes Month. This is a plague that is raising health care costs for all of us and is for many, entirely preventable. Go to <http://www.diabetes.org/in-my-community/programs/american-diabetes-month/> to learn more.

Here's to your health,

Randi Embree, Director
OSG Deaf Awareness and Family Health Committee

Greetings from the Membership Committee,

Fall is a beautiful time of year. The coming months leads us into many planned Grange activities. These are opportunities to visit with our fellow members and friends in the community.

As we have been preparing for our Grange Membership in Action Conferences, one area of importance is that members see themselves as leaders. Empowering the members of the Grange will enable the Grange to take a leadership roll, making a positive contribution and difference in the Community.

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