

Degree Team Contest

(Oregon Program)

The Degree Team Contest is an opportunity for members within the same state district to present one of the first four degrees of our order.

Rules

- The degrees presented will be rotated in **odd-numbered years**:
2009: Third degree
2011: Fourth degree
2013: First degree
2015: Second degree
- Team members must be Fourth Degree members in good standing with their Subordinate/Community Grange and must be from the same state district.
- Judging will take place in one location between April and May.
- All work shall be memorized except the Secretary may read the roll call of officers and the names of the candidates being initiated in the degree.
- Short seating and retiring drills are not to exceed five minutes each. One point will be taken off for each minute over the time limit.
- Opening of the Grange, presentation of one distinguished guest, balloting on candidates, degree work, and closing the Grange will be scored and judged.
- Arrangement of hall and equipment will be scored and judged.
- 25 points will be given for one tableau in the degree. Points may be deducted if the tableau team is noisy and detracts from the degree work.
- There shall be three qualified judges. It shall be their duty to judge all teams competing. Their decision shall be final. Judges will provide constructive feedback to the team captains.
- Each team member of the winning team will receive a certificate. The certificates will be mailed to the team captain.
- The winning team will have the opportunity to give an exemplification of the degree as they did in the contest at the state Grange session. This is not required.
- Teams wishing to enter this contest must notify the State Master by **March 31**.
- All questions of interpretation of the Manual should be addressed the State Youth Director. The Director will address the question to the State Master and provide the question and answer to all teams so they can benefit from consistent information.