

Degree Team Contest

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 about the Manual or floor work are to be addressed to the State Master.