

Installation Team Contest

The Installation Team Contest will be held in **even-numbered years only** and, with the State Master's approval, the winning team will install the state officers at that year's State Grange session.

This is an opportunity to learn an aspect of Grange work, which is in demand in many counties. It will increase your own understanding of our ritualistic work.

Rules

- A team will consist of at least the following seven members: Installing officer, Master, Chaplain, Marshal, Regalia bearer, Emblem bearer and Steward. Other team members for tableaux and effects are allowed at the option of the team.
 - The contest is open to all Fourth Degree members. The installing officer must be qualified as outlined in the Manual and Digest.
 - Judging will take place at a location and date TBA after registrations are received.
 - Team members can be from any Grange within the same state district. They will be judged as an independent team and need not be sponsored by any one Grange.
 - The installation ceremony is to be rendered fully from memory exactly as prescribed in the latest edition of the Manual. Extra tableaux or effects should also follow Manual guidelines.
 - All questions of interpretation of the Manual should be addressed to the State Master. Answers to questions raised will be shared with all teams so they can benefit from consistent information.
 - A time limit of two hours will be enforced. Your time will start when the first team member marches onto the floor and will end when the last member marches off of the floor. Ten points will be deducted for every minute or partial minute your team goes over the time limit.
- Teams wishing to enter this contest must notify the State Master by **March 31**.
 - Judging criteria will be used as outlined on the score sheet, which can be obtained from the State Master.
 - Winning team members cannot hold the same position for two competitions in a row. This means if you were the installing officer in 2008, you would have to hold a different position for the 2010 competition. You can also now put a team together from within your District not just your Pomona. We hope that there will be more teams that can compete, as they will have more people to utilize.