

Opening/Closing Demonstration

The purpose of this demonstration is to give every Grange in the state the opportunity to show off their skills and earn recognition.

- 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 April 2009.
 - All work must be committed to memory.
 - Each team can have all 16 officers but is required to have the Master, Overseer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Gate-keeper, and Ceres.
 - 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, performance of one exhibition activity and closing of the Grange will be scored and judged.
 - Arrangement of hall and equipment will be scored and judged.
 - Each team will complete an exhibition of one of the following: Balloting for candidates, presentation of guests or draping the charter. The team captain will draw randomly the exhibition for the team before they march on the floor.
 - 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 opening and closing of the Grange in the Fourth 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.