

125TH SESSION
OF THE
Connecticut
State Grange



Pre-session Banquet
Wednesday, October 14, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Session
October 15, 16, 17, 2009

Comfort Inn & Suites
800 E. Main Street
Meriden, Connecticut

Connecticut State Grange
Patrons of Husbandry



One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Session

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2009 Connecticut State Grange Officers

Master/President	Robert Sendewicz
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Secretary	Edith Schoell
Gatekeeper	George Russell
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Pomona	Jodi Ann Cameron
Flora	Carol Hnath
Pianist	Mary Lou Keefe

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A. Ruel Miller	2010
Gordon Gibson	2011

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Code Reading

Mildred Bell	Carlton Platt
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Central Pomona No. 1 James Lamoureux
Quinebaug Pomona No. 2 Pat Palmer
East Central Pomona No. 3 Walter Forrest
Mountain County Pomona No. 4 Earl Phillips
New Haven County Pomona No. 5 Daniel Lauttenbach
New London County Pomona No. 6 Deborah Barnes
Excelsior Pomona No. 7 Jean Meehan
Fairfield County Pomona No. 9 Randy Miller
Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11 Doris T. Shaw
North Central Pomona No. 13 Irene Percoski

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Junior Director Joan Perry

Central Pomona No. 1 Lisa Lamoureux
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East Central Pomona No. 3 Helen Forrest
Mountain County Pomona No. 4 Sandra Phillips
New Haven County Pomona No. 5 Janet Haller
New London County Pomona No. 6 Vilma Gregoropoulos
Excelsior Pomona No. 7 Barbara Robert
Fairfield County Pomona No. 9 Karen MacDonald

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009

Pre-Session Banquet, 7:00 P.M.

Ballroom - Comfort Inn & Suites, Meriden

Welcome Robert Sendewicz, State Master
Invocation Amy Whitcomb, State Chaplain
Star Spangled Banner Mary Lou Keefe, State Pianist
Introduction of Special Guests
Guest Speaker Bonnie Burr, Volunteer Mgmt. & Dev., Coop. Ext. System
University of Connecticut

Presentations:

Scholarships	FFA
Agricultural Awards	Heifer International

Announcements - State Master

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009

Morning Session- 9:00 A.M.

Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
(Guests will be recognized and escorted throughout the session as they may arrive.)
Introduction of National Representative,
Beth Merrill, *Lady Assistant Steward of the National Grange*
Roll Call of Officers, Committees, Deputies
Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates
Roll Call of Granges
Report of Credential Committee
Sessions Committee Announcements
Introduction of business to be referred without debate
Address of State Master, Robert Sendewicz
Report of State Lecturer, Marge Bernhardt
Report of State Treasurer, Philip Bergquist
Report of State Secretary, Edith Schoell
Report of Executive Committee, F. Philip Prelli
Reports of Officers & Committees will be given throughout session as time permits.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION- 1:45 P.M.

Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
Introduction of Past Voting Delegates
2:00- SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:
Election of one member of the Executive Committee
Reports as time will permit:
Camp Berger, Ellsworth Beecher, Advisor
Legislative, Gordon Gibson, Director
Connecticut Granger, Todd Gelineau, President/Editor
Membership, Joanne Cipriano, Director
Recess for Sessions Committee Meetings
4:45 - Youth Hospitality Room open for all

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Open Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Youth Report & Presentations, Donald Lanoue, Director

State Lecturer's Program- Marge Bernhardt (7:30 P.M.)

Report of Foster Children Liaison, Karen Warner

"Should Auld Acquaintance" Project

Lecturers' Awards

Honor Granges- State Master

Community Service Awards- Jody & Jodi Ann Cameron

Code Reading Awards

Agricultural Contest Awards

Past Deputies' Raffle

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009 - 9:00 A.M.

Opening in form in the Fourth Degree

Roll Call of Officers

Reading Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions

Introduction of Business to be referred without debate

Memorial Service and Report of Chaplain Amy Whitcomb

Reports as time will permit:

Information, Carl H. Bernhardt, Director

General Deputy Robert Buck

Pomona Deputy East James Palmer

Pomona Deputy West Todd A. Gelineau

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION- 1:45 P.M.

Introduction of Business to be referred without debate (last opportunity)

2:00 P.M. - Report of Committee on Women's Activities-

Betty Jane Gardiner, Director

Workshop: UConn Cooperative Extension Service. Speakers: Joseph Bonelli and Michael Keilty. Topic: Connecticut Farm Risk Management and Crop Insurance Program

ALL OTHER OFFICERS AND DEPUTIES' REPORTS SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO THE SECRETARY, IF NOT SENT IN PREVIOUSLY. PLEASE HAVE THEM TYPED AND READY FOR PRINTING.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION - 7:45 P.M.

Candidates must be at the COMFORT INN & SUITES, MERIDEN by 6:45 P.M.

Candidates and members will be bused to Meriden Grange Hall for the Degree Conferral as parking space is limited at the hall.

Candidates must have the fourth and fifth degree words and the sixth degree

ticket stub to give to the deputy at the door.
Applications for the sixth degree will be on sale during the session and at the door on Friday. Cost of the application is \$10.00.
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree- 7:45 P.M.
Escorting National Lady Assistant Steward Beth Merrill
Recognition of Honored Guests and Past Voting Delegates
Conferral of the Sixth Degree in Full Form
Rose Drill under the direction of Cindy Anderson
Recognition of Golden Sheaf Grangers
Closing the Evening Session in the Fourth Degree
March to the Table – Officers and Court

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008

Morning Session- 9:00 A.M.
Opening in form in the Fourth Degree
Roll Call of Officers
Reading Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
Session Committee Reports and action thereon.
Recess 12:15 P.M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION- 1:15 P.M.

Junior Grange Program and Report – Joan Perry, Junior Director
Reconvening in the Fourth Degree
Remaining Sessions Committee reports and action thereon.
Installation of one member of the Executive Committee
Any Unfinished Business
Announcements
Closing in form in the Fourth Degree

GENERAL INFORMATION

SESSIONS HEADQUARTERS:

COMFORT INN & SUITES
800 East Main Street, Meriden, CT
Tel. (203) 440-9600

Sixth Degree Tickets: Available throughout Thursday & Friday. Cost: \$10
State Committee Directors and members will be happy to participate in discussions of any sessions committees, if they are asked.

Delegates to the State Session will be reimbursed \$2.00 per session for each session attended. Attendance cards must be punched by the Deputy on duty for each session attended. Officers, deputies and committee members will also be reimbursed \$2.00 per session for each session attended. This does not include the spouse unless he/she is also a pink sash wearer. Mileage will be paid at 27¢ per mile for one round trip per Grange, from meeting location.

Attendance cards will be issued by the Treasurer upon presentation of cre-

dentials. The cards and badges will be given out on Thursday morning. The Pre-Session Banquet does not count as a session.

It shall be the responsibility of the Delegate(s) to receive payment at the close of the Session from the Treasurer before the delegate(s) leave the hotel.

Delegates should make every effort to be present at the Opening Session and each session thereafter. Sessions committees should not meet during the regular session. Time has been provided in the schedule for meetings of the sessions committees.

All badges should be left at the table in the rear of the hall at the conclusion of the Session on Saturday afternoon.

Typist for the Session is Phyllis Bierce. It is not the duty of the typist to type reports for officers or other pink sash wearers. All reports for the Journal of Proceedings should be given to the State Secretary before leaving the Session, if not mailed previously.

Typing Room _____

Hospitality Room _____

Display Room _____

COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

I. Actions a committee can take on referred resolutions.

After discussion of the resolution by the committee, there are 3 basic actions a committee can take on a resolution sent to it from the floor. The first and simplest is that they can recommend that it be passed as sent to the committee. All this takes is a motion from a committee member and a second to move adoption; then an affirmative vote of the committee. The second and almost as simple is that a committee can recommend rejection of the resolution. This happens either on a motion and second to reject the resolution and an affirmative vote of the rejection or if the motion to accept, as stated above, is defeated. The third is that the committee can modify the resolution. If it is a simple one or two word change that does not change the meaning of the resolution, it can be accomplished by “common consent” or agreement of the committee. To accomplish this a suggested change is recommended and it has unanimous agreement of the committee. A motion is then made and seconded to pass as modified; then an affirmative vote. If it is a major change; then a two step procedure is needed, then a substitute resolution is written. Any major amendment to the referred resolution in committee needs a substitute resolution. This substitute resolution is a committee resolution. Discussion and action on the substitute resolution is then taken.

II. Other Committee Actions.

A committee can also recommend resolutions written by the committee. These are called committee resolutions and can be written on any topic which falls under the jurisdiction of the committee. After passage by the committee this is sent to the delegate body for their action. Ideas for committee resolutions can come from either committee members or other delegates.

A committee can also ask for explanation of a resolution during its discussion phase. This is accomplished by bringing in a non-committee member to explain the resolution. This could be the sponsor of the resolution, the delegate from the Grange who submitted it, or any other member who has expertise in the area (does not need to be a delegate).

III. Chairman’s Report on Floor.

The following procedure is used for the chairman to report action on a resolution on the floor. Following the Secretary’s reading of the resolution, the Chairman moves action. The following language should be used:

“The committee moves adoption (rejection) of the resolution.”

No second is needed. The chairman then briefly explains the committees’ reasons including if there is a substitute resolution and answers any questions from the floor.

All resolutions must be reported back to the floor.

SESSIONS COMMITTEES

Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

Chair: Quinebaug Pomona No. 2

Vice Chair/Sec: North Central Pomona No. 13

Glastonbury #26	North Haven #35	Brooklyn #43
Higginum #124	Greenfield Hill #133	Enfield #151
Riverton #169	Norwich #172	Echo #180
Oxford #194	West Suffield #199	

Credentials/Master's Address/Resolutions

Chair: Central Pomona #1

Vice Chair/Sec: Gordon Gibson

Granby #5	Meriden #29	Tolland #51
Vernon #52	Wolf Den #61	Eureka #62
Ashford #90	Watertown #122	Norfield #146
Old Lyme #162	Marlborough #205	

Legislative/Insurance

Chair: New London County Pomona #6

Vice Chair/Sec: Excelsior Pomona #7

Whigville #48	Colchester #78	Pachaug #96
Taghannuck #100	Killingly #112	Bethlehem #121
Prospect #144	Cannon #152	Hemlock #182
Cherry Brook #210		

Good of the Order/Membership

Chair: New Haven County Pomona #5

Vice Chair/Sec: Joanne Cipriano

Manchester #31	Cawasa #34	Westfield #50
Totoket #83	Ekonk #89	Harmony #92
Beacon Valley #103	Litchfield #107	Preston City #110
Stonington #168	Ekonk Jr. #101	

Constitution & By-Laws

Chair: Mountain County Pomona #4

Vice Chair/Sec: Fairfield County Pomona #9

Stafford #1	Tunxis #13	Redding #15
Southington #25	Wallingford #33	Winchester #74
Putnam #97	Beacon #118	N. Stonington #138
Wolcott #173	N. Stonington Jr. #105	

Grange Activity

Chair: East Central Pomona #3

Vice Chair/Sec: Farmington Valley Pomona #11

Lebanon #21	Cheshire #23	Senexet #40
Coventry #75	Hillstown #75	Trumbull #134
Lyme #147	Bridgewater #153	Simsbury #197
Hillstown Jr. #87		

2009 RESOLUTIONS

1. RE: CONNECTICUT'S STATE CAKE

WHEREAS before our country gained its independence, colonial housewives were making special cakes to celebrate the democratic ideals of their new homeland, and

WHEREAS Connecticut is the birthplace of the Election Cake, a.k.a. Hartford Election Cake, and can be traced back to the gubernatorial elections held in Hartford, CT as early as 1660, and

WHEREAS Election Day (held in May) was considered an important holiday in early New England ranking second only to Thanksgiving. Election cake was indeed a major part of the holiday, and

WHEREAS Election Day was also known as Training Day when the colonial American farmers were called to military practice for days of training and they would partake of this same cake calling it "Muster Cake," and

WHEREAS this is such a unique part of Connecticut's history and should be recognized.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Election Cake, this piece of Americana, be placed on the list of Connecticut's symbols, and that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee submit this resolution to the State Legislature for their consideration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Grangers in Connecticut be urged to get behind this effort following the guidance of the State Legislative Committee.

NOTE: Information obtained from Linda Strandley's website: What's Cooking, America.

SOURCE: Lyme Grange #147

Adopted _____

Referred _____

Rejected _____

2. RE: TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR CT STATE GRANGE

WHEREAS presently a telephone call to the State Grange office or to the Worthy State Master is a toll call from most areas in our state, and

WHEREAS a toll free number would prove very convenient to many people who have reason to call our State Master and State Secretary, and

WHEREAS one toll free number can serve several extensions from the main number, including voice mail, and can be expanded as needed to other extensions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange

activate an 800 toll free number with extensions as soon as possible.

SOURCE: Stonington Grange #168

Adopted _____

Referred _____

Rejected _____

3. RE: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FUNDING

WHEREAS more Americans than ever are taking advantage of the National Park System as an affordable form of recreation in tough economic times, and

WHEREAS the National Mall attracts more visitors than Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon and Yosemite National Parks combined, and

WHEREAS nearly \$400 million is needed to repair and maintain the buildings and grounds that encompass this national park, and

WHEREAS deferred maintenance has resulted in fetid pools that kill ducks and ducklings with avian botulism, sea walls around the Jefferson Memorial sinking into the mud, soil up and down the Mall trampled into virtual concrete where grass will not grow, among many other examples, and

WHEREAS support in Congress is limited due to the District's lack of a vote and the ability of legislators to send earmarks home to curry favor with constituents, and

WHEREAS many legislators believe funding a park in Washington would be perceived by voters as Congress spending the money frivolously all the while employing 1,900 workers to maintain the buildings and 450 acre grounds of the Capitol complex while the National Park Service has approximately 200 workers for the 650 acre Mall and its memorials, and

WHEREAS a Federal Stimulus appropriation of \$50 million for 2009 will largely go towards repairing the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, the reflecting pool and the District of Columbia War Memorial, and

WHEREAS the National Grange Birthplace Marker is in disrepair and likely will remain in this condition as long as the National Park Service's funding for the National Mall remains at current levels.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange encourage Congress to appropriate the necessary funds or to establish a funding plan or program to meet the estimated \$400 million necessary to repair and properly maintain the National Mall.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74; Eureka Grange No. 62

Adopted _____

Referred _____

Rejected _____

4. RE: HIGHWAY ON/OFF RAMP SAFETY

WHEREAS there has been an increased number of accidents throughout the state and region in recent years involving wrong-way drivers, and

WHEREAS many of these accidents have involved alcohol or substance abuse and impairment due to age, medical condition and/or lack of sleep, and

WHEREAS many of the highways ramps throughout the state are poorly marked, especially where on and off ramps run side by side with "DO NOT ENTER" signs posted between both ramps which can cause even the most alert and cautious driver to second guess themselves momentarily.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Department of Transportation review signage and the overall design of highway ramps throughout the state to make them safer and to more clearly differentiate between on and off ramps, especially when such ramps run side by side.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74;

Mountain County Pomona No. 4

Adopted _____

Referred _____

Rejected _____

5. RE: CONNECTICUT LINE OF SUCCESSION

WHEREAS the unwritten custom of the Connecticut State Grange has been to choose its State Masters by electing a Gatekeeper who will spend the next sixteen years serving as Gatekeeper, Asst. Steward, Steward and Overseer before finally being elected Master of the Connecticut State Grange, and

WHEREAS this custom has discouraged many members from seeking any office in the line, including Master, because of the minimum 20 year commitment involved in this process, and

WHEREAS most states outside of the Northeast Region have abandoned this process in favor of electing qualified members to office without regard to a line of succession, therefore encouraging more members to take an active role in the State Grange and to allow members who do not necessarily desire to be State Master to serve in offices now considered to be part of the "line" of succession.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange officially endorse the practice of electing any qualified member to any office without regard to a line of succession.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74; Eureka Grange No. 62;

Mountain County Pomona No. 4; Quinebaug Pomona No. 2

Adopted _____

Referred _____

Rejected _____

6. RE: MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP TRAINING FUND

WHEREAS the National Grange has made great efforts to train all members to revitalize and organize Granges throughout the country through the Grange Growth Summit, Team Speak programs, workshops with the National Membership/Leadership Director Rusty Hunt, and through the development of PowerPoint programs and materials to advance this program, and

WHEREAS members of the Connecticut State Grange have attended the Grange Growth Summit and have begun the process of revitalizing Granges in Connecticut, and

WHEREAS many more trained members are needed in addition to the six member Revitalization Team appointed by the State Master earlier this year, and

WHEREAS Membership/Leadership development and training should be made available to all Grange members throughout the state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange create a new line item in the budget for Membership/Leadership Training and allocate \$10,000 to fund these critically important programs.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74; Eureka Grange No. 62; Mountain County Pomona No. 4; Quinebaug Pomona No. 2

Adopted _____

Referred _____

Rejected _____

7. RE: NEW GRANGE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS the National Master has challenged each state to organize/reorganize and revitalize Granges, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has a commitment to organize/reorganize at least one Grange and to revitalize at least one Grange, and

WHEREAS the National Grange has established an incentive program that encourages new or reorganized Granges to meet specific goals early on to receive the following monetary awards:

New Granges

- \$100 - Charter Application filed, obligated and officers installed.
- \$100 - First report to State Grange filed on time.
- \$100 - Conferral of all Four Degrees
- \$100 - Net gain in membership after 4 quarters.

Reorganized Granges

- \$50 - Charter Application filed, obligated and officers installed.
- \$50 - First Quarterly Report filed.

- \$50 - Four Degrees conferred
- \$50 - 4th Quarterly Report with net gain.

WHEREAS these incentives provide much needed money for new Granges and, more importantly, forces these Granges to build momentum and to work together early on to meet these goals, thereby promoting the long-term success of the Grange.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange match each of the incentives as outlined above to provide a maximum of \$400 for new Granges and \$200 for reorganized Granges in addition to the money provided by the National Grange.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74; Eureka Grange No. 62; Mountain County Pomona No. 4; Quinebaug Pomona No. 2

Adopted _____

Referred _____

Rejected _____

8. RE: GRANGE REVITALIZATION KIT

WHEREAS the National Grange has developed materials through the Membership/Leadership Department that can be valuable tools in revitalizing Connecticut’s Granges, and

WHEREAS simply telling members where to find them on the National Grange website may not be the best way to encourage their use, and

WHEREAS it is the belief of the members of the western (CT) Revitalization Team that these materials need to be placed in the hands of the leaders of each of the Granges in this state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange establish a Grange Revitalization Kit to include (but not be limited to) the following items:

- Applications for membership that are specific to Connecticut, not the generic applications provided by the National Grange.
- Meeting/Notice Postcards which are included in the National Grange Builder Kits.
- Declaration of Purposes (the new full color, magazine format from National Grange) and get these kits into each of the Granges in the state as part of the ongoing Revitalization program.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74; Eureka Grange No. 62; Mountain County Pomona No. 4; Quinebaug Pomona No. 2

Adopted _____

Referred _____

Rejected _____

9. RE: "DO NOT MAIL" LIST FOR ELDERLY

WHEREAS many elderly parents demand their independence to live in their own homes, and

WHEREAS these elderly are constantly receiving unwanted mailings from companies and organizations seeking donations or purchases. Many elderly are targeted for buying or donating to these mailings by well-phrased ads which address many elderly concerns, Social Security, Medicare, Investments, Medications, etc., and

WHEREAS many of these elderly mailing addresses are given or sold by organizations they belong to without their permission.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange work with our legislators to make a "DO NOT MAIL LIST", similar to a do not call list that allow elderly to have their names removed from these unwanted mailings nationwide and allow our elderly to live independently without unnecessary junk mail, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution go on to the National Grange for their support on a national "Do Not Mail List."

SOURCE: Coventry Grange No. 75 Adopted _____

Referred _____ Rejected _____

10. RE: INCREASING LENGTH OF TERM FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS the length of term of office for the House of Representatives is two years, and the length of term of office for the Senate is six years, and

WHEREAS the term of office for the House of Representatives is only two years, incumbents initiate re-election fundraising efforts early in their term and such efforts encompass the majority of their terms, thus allowing less time and energy being devoted to the task of the office, and

WHEREAS campaign costs are great and ever-increasing, and as a result of the disparity of length of terms between both aforementioned offices, requiring three fundraising campaigns for a Representative to be equal to one term of a Senator.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange initiate and support a change in the length of term of office for the House of Representatives.

SOURCE: Stonington Grange No. 168 Adopted _____

Referred _____ Rejected _____

request the Connecticut State Grange to adopt a resolution on this matter at their 2009 Annual Session, and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we recognize this matter is a national and even an international one, and
 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all solutions be considered in addressing this problem including appropriate individual, and private and governmental action and standards.
 SOURCE: New London County Pomona No. 6 Adopted _____
 Referred _____ Rejected _____

16. RE: CT INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SIGNS

WHEREAS there are many interstate highway signs that are faded and cannot be read, and
 WHEREAS traffic traveling on Connecticut interstates have trouble finding exits, and
 WHEREAS Connecticut wants to promote tourism and business traffic.
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee urge the DOT to replace the faded signs on the interstate highways.
 SOURCE: Lyme Grange No. 147 Adopted _____
 Referred _____ Rejected _____

17. RE: WEIGH STATIONS

WHEREAS big trucks, semi's, are used to bring products into the state, and
 WHEREAS many of these trucks are overweight and have not had repairs done in order to safely operate on the highways, and
 WHEREAS many of these trucks have caused damage to our highways and by-ways, and cause accidents, and
 WHEREAS the few weigh stations in Connecticut are seldom open five days a week for inspections.
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge our legislators to open the weigh stations more frequently, and impose fines for violations of weight and safety regulations, and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fines be used to make repairs to our highways.
 SOURCE: East Central Pomona No. 3 Adopted _____
 Referred _____ Rejected _____

21. RE: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

WHEREAS the United States opens its doors to those wanting to come to this country, and allows persons to do so by applying through proper channels, and
WHEREAS most countries have similar laws regarding immigration, and
WHEREAS there are many who have come into the country illegally and have put a financial burden on municipalities and their hospitals, housing and services, and
WHEREAS many of our citizens are looking for housing and good health care as well as employment, and
WHEREAS the Federal Government wants to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Grange urge our Representatives to enforce stricter compliance to the immigration laws, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for further implementation.
SOURCE: Manchester Grange No. 31; E. Central Pomona No. 3
Adopted _____

Referred _____ Rejected _____

22. RE: HOLDING PASSENGERS ON AIRCRAFT

WHEREAS some aircraft with passengers onboard have sat at the gate or out on the tarmac from one to eleven hours, and
WHEREAS conditions on the planes become unsanitary and physically stressing, and
WHEREAS passengers are unable to seek other airline flights to get to their destinations.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to enact laws limiting the time that a plane can hold passengers before allowing them to deplane.
SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199
Adopted _____

Referred _____ Rejected _____

23. RE: FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY STATE POLICE COVERAGE

WHEREAS fire engines often encounter other vehicles that do not give the right of way to them, and
WHEREAS other vehicles dangerously hamper the fire engine en route, and
WHEREAS some Connecticut towns have given fire fighters auxiliary State Police powers.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators

to enact laws requiring all fire departments to maintain auxiliary State Police coverage within their departments.
SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199 Adopted _____

Referred _____ Rejected _____

24. RE: TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

WHEREAS texting while driving may result in accidents, injuries or even death, and
WHEREAS penalties for texting for driving are minor or nonexistent.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to enact stricter laws regarding the penalties for texting while driving.

SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199 Adopted _____

Referred _____ Rejected _____

25. RE: GASOLINE TAX

WHEREAS gasoline prices hurt everyone that drives, and
WHEREAS the Connecticut state tax is a percentage of the gasoline price.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to enact a law setting an exact amount per gallon of gas, instead of an increasing percentage.

SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199 Adopted _____

Referred _____ Rejected _____

26. RE: MEDICARE COVERAGE

WHEREAS Medicare charges about 100 dollars a month to cover 80 percent of a subscriber's medical bills, and
WHEREAS external coverage for the remaining 20 percent costs about 200 dollars a month.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to investigate for price gouging by these external companies, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our legislators be urged to promote Medicare coverage for this 20 percent of uncovered bills, at any cost.

SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199 Adopted _____

Referred _____ Rejected _____

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED at the 2008 STATE SESSION

2. RE: STATE GRANGE OFFICE

WHEREAS the State Grange office expense for rent and utilities is over \$15,000.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the office be moved to a location, such as in a Grange hall, where rent and utilities could be less and help a Grange by giving them a donation.

3. FUNDING OF ANNUAL SESSIONS OF NATIONAL GRANGE

WHEREAS the cost of hosting the annual session of the National Grange continues to rise, and

WHEREAS the National Grange has divided the country into several regions for purposes of determining where each session of the National Grange shall be held, and

WHEREAS some of these regions will have difficulty raising the necessary funds to host the National Grange in their region.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each State Grange be assessed fifty (50) cents per member per year to be paid to the National Grange, including Golden Sheaf members who are exempt from paying dues, to defray the cost to the State Granges of hosting the annual sessions of the National Grange, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each State Grange shall have the authority to raise their assessment in any manner they choose, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proceeds of such assessment be made available to the host Region each year to reimburse its reasonable actual expenses for hosting the National Grange, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that if any funds from such assessment remain after all host region expenses of each annual session of the National Grange are paid, the remaining funds shall be placed in a dedicated account for use in reimbursing the host Regions in future years.

4. RE: REIMBURSEMENT TO THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS Article IX, Section 1 of the 1999 Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange provides that, "The elective (sic) members (of the Executive Committee) shall receive for their services \$7.50 per day each while in actual discharge of duty, and mileage payment at 27 cents per mile round trip," and

WHEREAS the elected members of the Executive Committee frequently discharge their duties on an "as needed" basis in units of an hour or less, and

WHEREAS this creates difficulty in determining the number of days each year for which the elected members of the Executive Committee should be compensated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the last paragraph of Section 1 of Article IX of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange is hereby revised to read, "The elected members shall receive for their services and mileage \$250 each annually."

5. RE: THE KELLEY FARM

WHEREAS the Oliver H. Kelley Farm, a restored living history farm in Minnesota which belonged to the founder of the Grange is most worthy of our support, and

WHEREAS the Friends of the Kelley Farm was formed in 2003 to help preserve and support the operation of the Kelley Farm.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange, in commemoration of Oliver H. Kelley's birthday each January, take out a Family

Membership (\$50.00), and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer and Executive Committee be resourceful in finding the money.

7. RE: EXACT LISTING OF GRANGE HALLS/MEETING PLACES

WHEREAS visiting Granges should be encouraged and finding their meeting places should be made as convenient as possible, and

WHEREAS locating these halls/meeting places are often done by using Mapquest on the internet and other G.P.S. (global positioning systems).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each Grange be asked to make sure they have provided the State Grange office their hall/ meeting place street number and name so this complete information can be listed in the State Grange Directory as well as listed on the State Grange website, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this information is also provided to the publishers of the Pomona handbooks.

15. RE: SELLING GRANGE HALLS

WHEREAS there are Granges where the membership has declined to the point that the members find the maintenance of a Grange Hall causes a large burden on the small numbers of members participating, and

WHEREAS this condition causes present Granges to consider selling the Grange Hall at the present low market value of real estate, and

WHEREAS a large portion of the sale value goes in the State Grange for safe keeping as a result of National Grange regulations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Grange investigate the possibility and feasibility of creating a completely separate Connecticut Grange Historical and Educational Corporation which can directly take over the Grange Halls and make them available for educational activities and historical museums related to Grange History and the arts of agriculture and the home.

16. RE: SALES TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS the 6 percent sales tax has been on purchases of shoes and clothing costing over \$50.00 for many years, and

WHEREAS inflation has risen the price of shoes and clothing over these many years, so that a purchase now of \$50.00 results in less shoes and clothing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange ask the Governor and our State Representatives to raise the \$50.00 amount to \$100.00 at the next legislative session.

17. RE: SALES TAX HOLIDAY

WHEREAS the annual sales tax holiday on shoes and clothing for purchases below \$300.00 runs one week in August, and

WHEREAS parents of children who attend school buy shoes and clothing at times other than in August, and

WHEREAS some stores in the month of August change the clothing from summer to fall and winter and summer clothing is desired.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the sales tax holiday be extended to include a week in July also and that this week be selected by the General Assembly.

18. RE: "HONORARY GRANGE MEMBERSHIP" CERTIFICATE FOR CONNECTICUT FARMERS

WHEREAS the Grange has its roots in agriculture, and

WHEREAS Connecticut has a declining number of farms with less representation of farmers in Grange membership, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange is attempting to increase public awareness of the organization's mission and purpose through increased

publicity and promotion, and
 WHEREAS the “HONORARY GRANGE MEMBERSHIP” certificate could be designed and printed by computer and would identify the recipient(s), name and location of the farm, the date and signed by the State Master in office on that date, and
 WHEREAS the “HONORARY GRANGE MEMBERSHIP” certificate would be a form of recognition and appreciation only, with no coast or obligation to the recipient(s), and would be a one time occurrence, and
 WHEREAS Subordinate Grange members would identify recipient(s), request as printed completed certificate and present the certificate to the recipient(s), and
 WHEREAS an invitation would be given to the recipient(s) for presentation to be made at a local Grange meeting and the certificate be available for public viewing, and
 WHEREAS upon presentation, a photo be taken and submitted to local papers including the Connecticut Granger with suitable caption.
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in an effort to recognize existing Connecticut farms, the Connecticut State Grange design and establish a method for distribution for the certificates in conjunction with the appropriate Subordinate Grange, and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Master appoint a member of the Agricultural Committee for supplying the certificates, reporting the details of the issued certificates to the Connecticut Granger for publication, and to keep a list of farms recognized each year as recipients of the certificates.

24. RE: SEASONAL ROADSIDE STANDS

WHEREAS Connecticut consumers continually seek healthful and safe produce, and
 WHEREAS domestic and imported produce has not always met these standards, and
 WHEREAS the seasonal fruits and vegetables of our Connecticut small and backyard farms have a long history of meeting the consumer’s needs in both quality and safety, and
 WHEREAS some towns require buildings and parking lots which is cost prohibitive to small or backyard farms, and
 WHEREAS the current Farmer’s Markets do not satisfy the small stand farmer as to locations and hours.
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Legislature be requested by the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee to enact such legislation that permits roadside stands on all state and town rights of way (Except thru-ways - i.e. four lane roads).

25. RE: MASTER’S ADDRESS

WHEREAS the Master of the Connecticut State Grange has reported to the 124th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange through his printed and spoken Master’s address of the complete activities and actions of the Connecticut State Grange, and
 WHEREAS much time and thought was invested in the preparation and writing of this report, and
 WHEREAS we thank the Worthy Master for his leadership in directing the State Grange into the future.
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we commend him on this fine report, and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the body accept this report with great thanks and order it printed in the Journal of Proceedings of the 124th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange.

26. RE: SUBORDINATE HONOR GRANGE AWARD

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange recognizes each Subordinate Grange as

an “Honor Grange” who earns 4,000 points or more, and
WHEREAS the Subordinate Grange earning the highest number of points will be known as “Grange of the Year,” and
WHEREAS it is hard for the under 50 membership Granges to compete against the 51 and over membership Granges for the “Grange of the Year” award, and
WHEREAS the 51 and over and the under 50 membership categories worked well for the Community Service Project this year.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Master consider this possibility for the 2009 year.

27. RE: CABIN AT CAMP BERGER

WHEREAS one of the cabins at Camp Berger was built by Pioneer Pomona #12, and
WHEREAS North Central Pomona #13, not having a cabin of their own, assumed responsibility for the maintenance of the cabin when Pioneer Pomona #12 merged with Fairfield County Pomona #9.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of Camp Berger have an additional sign made and placed on the cabin stating: “Built by Pioneer Pomona #12.”

28. RE: NATIONAL CONVENTION FUNDING

WHEREAS the funding of National Grange Conventions has become a regional responsibility, and
WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange will be required to contribute annually to the hosting fund, and
WHEREAS having the State Grange raise these funds through fundraisers would be much more favorable than an additional assessment on our Subordinate Granges, and
WHEREAS the current National Hosting Committee is only responsible for the 2008 National Convention.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Master appoint a standing committee charged with the responsibility of raising the necessary funds required to meet our National Grange Convention funding obligation.

29. RE: INVASIVE PLANTS IN CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS many of our roadsides are being overrun with Japanese Knot Weed and other invasive plants and the trees are being choked out by the Bittersweet Vines and dying, and
WHEREAS if these plants are not stopped, the native plants in our state will be overrun and disappear forever, and
WHEREAS information on eradication of these plants can be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, County Extension Service or the Department of Environmental Protection.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange encourage its Community Granges to provide a program to educate its citizens on the local level of the threat of these invasive plants and methods of their eradication.

30. RE: THE U.S. CADET NURSE EQUITY ACT OF 2007

WHEREAS in 1943, as a solution to the critical shortage of nurses in the military and in essential civilian hospitals, Congress passed “The Bolton Act” which established the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps (USCNC) to be administered by the U.S. Public Health Service, and
WHEREAS while the graduate nurses and doctors joined the services and went off to war, the Cadets staffed Federal military and civilian hospitals, Indian reservations, public health and rural health services all over the nation, and
WHEREAS the Cadets joined a uniformed service in time of war under the command of the Surgeon General of the United States and were issued

uniforms, insignias and an I.D. card with a serial number, and WHEREAS the WACS, WAVES and WASPS, who also served on the homefront, have been recognized as veterans of World War II. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the nurses of the USCNC deserve to be recognized for their contributions to our nation during World War II and for the decades that followed, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange support the passage of legislation to provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Veterans Administration including HR 3423, The U.S. Cadet Nurse Equity Act of 2007, and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange together with a recommendation for favorable action thereon.

31. RE: ELIMINATION OF STYROFOAM PRODUCTS IN FOOD INDUSTRY

WHEREAS styrofoam material has poor ability for biodegrading, and WHEREAS Connecticut has concern and appropriate approaches in the management of disposed waste at landfills, and WHEREAS there are numerous alternatives, such as paper/cardboard products and recyclable plastics are available for the food service industry, including fast food establishments, and WHEREAS styrofoam products including “take out” containers could be substituted with environmentally friendly disposable or dishwasher safe items that are reusable. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange request the Connecticut General Assembly to pass legislation to encourage biodegradable or recyclable products to be used in the food service industry.

32. RE: INVESTIGATION INTO THE PRICING OF DIESEL FUEL

WHEREAS diesel fuel used to be priced considerably less than gasoline, and WHEREAS gasoline prices are coming down to much lower levels than before, and WHEREAS diesel prices have remained at least over a dollar per gallon higher than corresponding gasoline prices, and WHEREAS the economic lifeblood (e.g. food and other consumer goods) is primarily carried across our nation by vehicles using diesel fuel, and WHEREAS this puts an increased burden on small business and small farmers all across America which is ultimately passed on to the consumer. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange encourage our National Department of Energy to investigate the continued high price of diesel fuel.

33. RE: CONNECTICUT’S THREE STRIKE LAW

WHEREAS violent crimes and home invasions continue to escalate in our country, and WHEREAS our judicial system has become more discretionary in sentencing the offenders, and WHEREAS government has the duty to protect its citizens, and WHEREAS the earlier three strikes proposal failed in the Connecticut General Assembly last year. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange support a three strikes law which will remove judicial discretion at sentencing so that a felon with a third conviction for a violent offense would receive an automatic life sentence.

34. RE: THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WHEREAS the State of Connecticut is experiencing a decline in expected revenue due to the present economic conditions, and
WHEREAS the General Assembly must, by law, pass a balanced budget for each biennium, and
WHEREAS the Governor has directed all State agencies to reduce spending, and
WHEREAS within the last ten years there have been proposals to eliminate the Department of Agriculture as a State agency and divide its functions among other agencies, and
WHEREAS it is essential to Connecticut's agriculture industry that we have a strong Department of Agriculture.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the State of Connecticut to maintain its Department of Agriculture as a State agency with adequate funding to accomplish its statutory responsibilities, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee is authorized and requested to oppose any and all proposed legislation that would cause the Connecticut Department of Agriculture to become part of another State agency or would otherwise diminish the stature of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee is authorized to take any lobbying or similar action it deems appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this resolution.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS

1. Quarterly Reports	Rejected
2. State Grange Office	Adopted
3. Funding of Annual Sessions of the National Grange	Adopted
4. Reimbursement to the Elected Members of the State Grange Executive Committee	Adopted
5. The Kelley Farm	Adopted
6. Subordinate Honor Grange Award	Rejected
7. Exact Listing of Grange Halls/Meeting Places	Adopted
8. Territorial Honor Grange Points	Rejected
9. Farmer's Market Listings	Rejected
10. Grange of the Year Award	Rejected
11. Campaign Funds	Rejected
12. Management of State Grange Accounts	Rejected
13. The U.S. Cadet Nurse Equity Act of 2007	Rejected
14. Update Local Grange Accounting Methods	Rejected
15. Selling Grange Halls	Adopted
16. Sales Tax Exemption	Adopted
17. Sales Tax Holiday	Adopted
18. "Honorary Grange Membership" Certificate for Conn. Farmers	Adopted
19. Elimination of Styrofoam Products in Food Industry	Rejected
20. Cottage at Camp Berger	Rejected
21. Farmer's Market Listings	Rejected
22. Highway Tolls	Rejected
23. Invasive Plants in Connecticut	Rejected
24. Seasonal Roadside Stands	Adopted
25. Master's Address	Adopted
26. Subordinate Honor Grange Award	Adopted
27. Cabin at Camp Berger	Adopted
28. National Convention Funding	Adopted
29. Invasive Plants in Connecticut	Adopted
30. The U.S. Cadet Nurse Equity Act of 2007	Adopted
31. Elimination of Styrofoam Products in Food Industry	Adopted
32. Investigation Into the Pricing of Diesel Fuel	Adopted
33. Connecticut's Three Strike Law	Adopted
34. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture	Adopted

