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COSG Master's Newsletter

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History Update team

One of the resolutions passed at the state convention was to update the Colorado State Grange History from 1975 to the current year. Our last history was put into a book for our Centennial year in 1976. So it's been close to 45 years since the history has been updated. If you have someone who would be interested in helping with this project, please let them know to contact me.

National convention – Spokane, WA.

We have a few individuals planning to go this year's convention in Spokane, WA. If you know of someone planning to go, please have them contact me, so that some of the funds raised from the Raffle can be given them to help with expenses.

Thank you to each Grange who sent delegates to the 144th Annual State Convention. We discussed 18 resolutions and pass 16 of them. Five of which were sent to the National Grange. It's important to send delegates to the State session because:

- your participation guarantees that the State Grange hears your thoughts about the issues discussed,
- gain information from speakers,
- receive awards presented for the past year's work and
- to guarantee that the State Grange has a quorum.

So if you didn't send delegates this year, start planning on sending delegates next year. Usually the master and his/her spouse are the delegates, but if they can't attend your Grange can elect other members who can go. Next year State session will be in the Durango area, September 27-29, 2018.

You will be receiving a **Master's Handbook** in the very near future. I have been working on creating a handbook for Master's in Colorado. I feel that the information in the handbook will help you and your Grange if you take the time to utilize it. I have taken the time to view other state's handbooks for Masters, State officers, and Secretaries in compiling the handbook you will be receiving. The hand book will be send to Active Granges, those who hold regular meetings. If your Grange doesn't hold regular meetings and feel that the handbook would be helpful to you I will be happy to send you one, you just have to let me know.

One issue that came up at the Convention was the definition of the different types of **membership** the Grange has. I have enclosed a page with that information. You can post this in your hall if you feel it would be helpful to others.

I am still working on my Goal of visiting each Grange in the state. If I haven't been to one of your Grange's functions or meetings yet, don't be surprised when we show up sometime.

We will be creating a **Military honor roll page** on the Colorado State Grange Web site during the next year. When we have established the information needed, forms will be sent out to the Secretaries.

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