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Golden Gate Grange #451

Lucy Cowell

Golden Gate Grange #451

Gregg Kildow

Golden Gate Grange #451

Charlie Ramstetter

Golden Gate Grange #451

Susan Urban

Golden Gate Grange #451

Larry Ramstetter

Golden Gate Grange #451

Roberta Davis

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PomonaCarol Thompson, Aztec, NM
Flora..... Terri Costeldia, Golden

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152nd Colorado State Grange Convention

Thursday, October 2, 2025 Colorado State Grange 152nd annual convention opened in the sixth degree on October 2 at 1:15 p.m. at the Douglas County Fair, Kirk Hall with Worthy Master/President, Gary Wardle in the chair. Gary Wardle welcomed everyone to Castle Rock. The Grange was lowered to the Fourth degree without form. Honored Guests were received: John Benedick, National Overseer; Cindy Greer, National Ceres and Past CSG Master, and David McCord, Past CSG Master. They were presented to the Master's station and given a few minutes to greet the delegates.

Roll Call of officers was taken with the following found absent: Steward, Treasurer, Ex committee member, Gate Keeper, and Pomona. Jon Kullmann, Shelly Griffin, Tom Hunter, Dave McCord, and Carol Lackey substituted for them.

Harry Greer moved we adopt the agenda. It was seconded and carried.

A partial report of the credential report was read.

Tom Campion moved that the following be seated as delegates: B.J. Bushman, Progressive Pomona, Dorothy Dannels, Darden Pomona, and Kathy Wardle, Wheat Ridge, Gary Wardle, Wheat Ridge. It was seconded and carried.

The Worthy Overseer filled the Masters Station and the Master's Address was distributed. Worthy Master, Gary Wardle shared his report.

The secretary read her report and it was accepted and will be printed in the JOP.

The Treasures report was read and accepted.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee was read and accepted.

The leadership/Scholarship Foundation report was read and accepted.

The Grange was put at ease for a short recess.

Gary called the meeting back to order at 2:30 p.m. He introduced the National Overseer, John Benedick from New Jersey. He shared information about himself and Grange involvement. He then presented an interactive workshop covering some of the points from the National Grange, other organizations. Fun is fuel that keeps us going. He reminded us to have Fun at Grange events. The National President wants to see the Grange Grow. He then answered questions.

The Lecturer announced information about the evening activities.

The Family Activities director announced that the bake sale would take place after the judging was finished.

The Grange closed in the fourth degree in regular form.

The Memorial service was conducted by State Chaplain, Amy Peterson. Those memorialized were: Beverly Weinert, Karen Ann Bohn, Edward Joseph Utsch, Robert Kuehster, and Joel David Sassman. The book of memories was read and prayer offered.

Grangers ventured to The Grange at the Meadows for the evening activities of Bingo, pizza, fun and fellowship conducted by Lecturer, B.J. Bushman, and Terri Costeldia.

Friday October 3, 2025

The Alumni Breakfast was held at Kirk Hall with Larry Corman, presiding. Larry greeted all present. Amy Peterson, Chaplain gave a blessing and the group enjoyed a breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, Danish, fresh fruit (cantaloupe, Honeydew, and pineapple), juice (grape, apple, and orange), Coffee and tea. Current officers:

President, Larry Corman, Vice President, Barry Willits, Secretary, Kathy Wardle. Larry gave a program about the history of Castle Rock and Sedalia, which was also a bingo game with three prizes being given out.

The following moved up to: President – Barry Willits, Vice Chairman – Kathy Wardle. Nominations for secretary were taken and David McCord was elected. There were 15 in attendance. Individuals shared information about activities that were/are happening at their local Grange. Larry shared that the Colorado State Grange web site can allow each Subordinate/Pomona Grange to have their own web side. He is developing a tutorial for a google calendar that each Grange can add to.

The Colorado State Grange opened in the fourth degree at 8:45 a.m. Roll Call was taken. Tom Campion moved that the executive committee approve the minutes from the session. It was seconded and carried. A video from National President Christine Hamp was shown. Gary Wardle announced that he had been asked to write to a legislator about a supporting a bill, which he did and the legislator accepted. We received \$500.00 from the National Grange Advocacy for that effort. The Final credentials report was taken with 26 delegates in attendance.

Election of officers was started: Gary Wardle was elected President. The National Overseer, John Benedick and Idella Lewis served as the election committee, counting votes so that the body could continue working on resolutions. Nominations for Overseer/vice President were taken and Harry Greer was elected.

Amy Peterson, chairman of EHEW read resolution #1, written in committee on Religious Literature in School. The resolution was discussed and friendly amendments made. Larry Corman moved to amend the second Whereas to strike Christian for consistency with the resolved. It was seconded and carried. The resolution was approved.

Nominations were taken for Executive committee.

Terri Costeldia, Ag committee chairman presented AG 1 on Sale of Federal Public lands. Friendly amendments were accepted. Discussion was held. The resolution was adopted.

Roger Ayers was elected to the executive committee for three years.

Nominations were taken for Lecturer.

Representative Chris Richardson was introduced from Elizabeth, Colorado and he shared basic information about himself. In 1874 His home town county existed and the Grange was formed in 1874. He retired from the military after 23 years and served all over the world and all around the Country. His wife and daughter are natives. He entered politics to ensure that his daughter had the opportunity to grow up the way he did. Be yourself, be Free and live a good life. He then shared information about his experience in the legislature. He encouraged everyone to reach out to him or their legislature. Ag is the backbone because ag is needed for food, clean water, and energy. He shared that each legislator gets to submit 5 bills each year with committees being allowed to submit more. Now is the time that legislators are looking at what bills they are going to carry. Urban and Rural cannot survive as two separate states. We must close the gap by teaching and sharing. Producers are not powerless. We are problem solvers. He answered questions. Gary thanked him for coming and presented him with a Colorado Grange cookbook and our two history books.

B.J. Bushman was elected Lecturer

After a short recess the meeting was called back to order.

Nominations were taken for Steward. Jon Kullmann was elected.

Ag and water committee chairman, Terri Costeldia presented the following resolutions:

Ag 1 public lands was presented and approved.

Ag 2 Wolf Pause was presented and approved.

Ag 3 and Development was presented and approved

Nominations were taken for Assistant Steward and Larry Corman was elected

Legislative committee chairman, presented one resolution titled Legislative resolution on Colorado's mail-in ballot system for elections was presented. The resolution failed.

Nominations for lady assistant steward were taken and Carol Lackey was elected.

Terri Costeldia was allowed to address the session about the budget.

The Grange was put at ease for lunch.

Membership Lunch was held with a presentation from a FFA representative, Camden Brown. He talked about growing up on a farm, in 4-H and FFA.

Matt Pierce and Steve Whitney Insurance advisors from USLI addressed the delegates at 1:25 p.m. Steve Whitney shared a list of questions that are asked when seeking insurance about the property being insured. They answered several questions from the delegates. The biggest think you need is Liability Insurance. The distributed two pieces of literature with information.

Grange was called back to order at 1:45 p.m.

Election of officers continued with nominations for Chaplain taken.

Carol Lackey GOTO presented the Good of the order resolutions with the assistance of Mike Lackey. The committee rejected GOTO#1 – Colorado State Grange convention dates.

Larry Corman moved that GOTO #1 be brought back to the floor. Seconded and carried.

Question asked why committee rejected the resolution. Comments were shared. Tom Campion moved to adopt the resolution. It was seconded and it was failed.. Tom campion moved we table the resolution indefinitely. Seconded and carried.

Shelly Griffin was elected Chaplain.

The GOTO presented resolution on **Amending of National Grange Digest Regarding Interest Earned on Custodial Accounts. After discussion** Shelly Griffin moved we send the resolution back to committee. Seconded and carried.

Resolution GOTO 4: **Mature Custodial Funds Grant Resolution was presented. The** Resolution was amended and approved by the committee. Discussion was held. Larry Corman moved the amendment of the resolution. Seconded, discussed, and approved. The resolution was adopted.

Nomination taken for Gate Keeper.

Larry Corman presented the budget committee report. An updated budget was presented. Larry opened the floor up to ideas for helping to balance the budget.

Granger going quarterly is a good idea, with more using the Google calendar.

Grange Engage will have opportunities to post local activities.

Increasing membership would have a dramatic effect on revenue

We need to make it worthwhile for people join the Grange.

He asked for a motion to approve the budget presented. Amy Peterson moved we adopt the budget. Seconded. And carried.

Amy Peterson was elected to the office of Gate Keeper.

Nominations were taken for Ceres.

The Budget resolution on dues Increase was presented. Discussion was held. Resolution was adopted.

Yvonne Ludwig was elected Ceres.

Nominations for Pomona were taken.

Loeda Westphal was escorted to the Master's station. Gary presented her with a 70-year member certificate and will present her a pin at some point in time. Loeda shared information about her involvement in the Grange.

Carol Thompson was elected Pomona.

Nominations were taken for Flora:

Announcements were made concerning the Farm Box tour and releases needing signed. Carol Lackey thanked people for their donation to their Christmas stockings. Silent Auction and Raffle tickets available.

Terri Costeldia was elected Flora.

Gary Wardle recognized Ruth Wilson Francisco as Pianist and was thanked and asked to serve next year.

Grange closed in regular form.

The Gala began at 7:00 p.m. with a "Groovy" Theme. Tye dyed table cloths decorated the room and snacks of cracker and cheese, M & M's, vegetables, grapes, chips and dip, popcorn, Chex mix and beverages were available to snack on. Trivia was played by all in attendance, purple Afro wigs and playdough were scattered on the tables. The Lecturer, Women's Activity, Mandy Project awards were presented. P.J. Riggins and DJ from Conifer played music throughout the evening. Several tried their hand at Karaoke.

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Past Master Breakfast

Amy Peterson, Substitute Past Master called the meeting to order in the absence of Presiding Past Master, Roger Ayers. She offered a prayer for the meal. There were 11 present at the breakfast.

Election of officers: Amy Peterson moved up to presiding Past Master, Sheryl Ayers moved up to substitute Past Master, and Roger Ayers was elected as Secretary.

Count of Masters present was taken: Junior Masters present: 3, Youth Masters present: 2, Subordinate Masters Present: 7, Pomona Masters Present: 7, and State Masters, past and present: 3

Amy shared information about the Bison, which is native to Colorado. She shared information about Elk, bears, big horn sheep, and moose. Others shared information they had. Loeda Westphal reminded us to remember the farmers in the northern part of Colorado that have lost cattle to the fires and the effects the fire had on the ones that survived. Amy thanked for everyone who came.

Discussion on the time of breakfast was held and the days and time. 7:15 a.m. was suggested.

Session Minutes

President, Gary Wardle opened the Grange is the Fourth Degree on Saturday, October 4 at Kirk Hall, Douglas County Fairgrounds. Roll call of Officers was taken.

Good of the Order committee chair, Carol Lackey with the help of Mike Lackey presented resolution GOTO 4 revisions from the committee. Harry Greer moved to amend the resolution as on the screen. It was seconded and carried. The resolution was adopted as amended.

Larry Corman shared information about the web site and the google calendar tutorial and answered questions.

The Grange was put at recess for the Installation of officers; National Overseer, John Benedick served as installing officer. Officers were seated at their respective stations and taken to the Altar to be installed.

The Grange was called back to Order to discuss State convention in 2026. Gary shared that since we are now more evenly divided we could/should alternate between the Western slope and the easter slope. Suggestions were taken.

Loeda Westphal offered that the Good Shepherd Church would be a possibility and the ladies would be willing to prepare meals.

Ruth Wilson Francisco shared information about Yellow Jacket Grange. She said that the Lewis Grange Hall had been the location of the State convention in the past. Cortez area has an Elks Lodge. Cost was in question.

Larry Corman recommended Durango at the Masonic Lodge.

Suggested we would prefer Cortez in 2026 (sept 24-26), Colorado Springs in 2027 possibly if the Good Shepherd church is willing to host us..

Announcements were made regarding raffle tickets, silent auction, name tags, history books and cook books. Members were reminded to pick up entries as soon as possible and that ribbons can be recycled.

The Junior Grange lunch was held at noon with Boxed lunches. Junior/Youth Chairman Kathy Wardle presented awards for the contests. A sandwich bar was enjoyed by the participants. A program on bee keeping was presented by BC Honey Hives, LLC... Robert Bishop-Cotner. Honey products were available for purchase following the program.

The Grange was called back to order and raised to the fifth degree without form. The short form 5th degree was presented to two candidates by Overseer, Harry Greer.

The Grange was raised to the sixth degree and state officers gave the sixth degree to two candidates: Tom Hunter from Pleasant Park, and Judith Vogel from Lewis. The Grangers enjoyed a feast of apples, bananas, and cuties.

The Grange was lowered to the fourth degree and closed.

The Hall was cleared of Grange items and set up for the Final Banquet. Several Grangers went to the Farm Box in Sedalia for a tour.

The Final Banquet was decorated with white table cloths and fall center pieces provided by Roger & Sheryl Ayers, Tom & Jean champion provided cups of goldfish, lemon drops and M&M's and Gary Wardle provided CSG pens. There were 35 in attendance. Tom Champion welcomed everyone to the banquet and introduced: National Overseer, John Benedick who shared a few jokes with the group; National Ceres, Cindy Greer; and State Master Gary Wardle. The newly elected chaplain, Shelly Griffin was asked to offer a grace and dinner was served buffet style: Chicken, Beef, Bean Salad, Coleslaw, Carrot cake, cookies, and beverages. Tom Champion began the evening's program by having Ruth Wilson Francisco read one of her writing entries. Master/President Gary Wardle, presented the Outstanding Granger award to Yvonne Ludwig of Pleasant Park Grange. Judy Vogel was asked to read her writing entry. At 7:15 p.m. the raffle drawing was held – Gwenna Reinhardt of Ignacio won the

quilt and The Wardle's won the table runner. Cindy Greer with the help of Harry Greer and Kay McCord presented the quilts of Valor to Rich Phillips of Golden Gate Grange and Jon Kullmann of Pleasant Park Grange. Cindy Greer read her writing entry. Gary Wardle thanked John Benedick for attending and for all his participation in our meeting. He presented John with several small gifts. Ruth Wilson Francisco read another of her writing entries. Gary thanked everyone for attending and working together as a team. Some high lights of the session were shared with those in attendance.

2025 Annual Report of the President of Colorado State Grange

Gary Wardle

Brothers and Sisters of the Colorado State Grange, fellow

Officers and Directors and National Overseer John Benedick,

Welcome to the 152nd Annual Convention of the Colorado State Grange in Castle Rock, Colorado. It is my honor to serve as the president of the Colorado State for the past four years. I want to thank all for your support and work for the grange.

In 2026 the nation will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of America. The National Grange is encouraging all granges to use this as an opportunity to engage your community in celebrating this event. Granges can partner with other organizations to host community picnics around July 4 to promote the grange and the other organizations. This can be a great membership building opportunity. For all our programs this next year I encourage the directors and officers to include the 250th anniversary as a theme for their programs.

The 2026 National Grange Convention will be hosted by the Great Plains Region. Colorado will assist in this effort. I will provide more information as it becomes available. The convention will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In 2025 Colorado hosted the Great Plains Regional Conference in Canon City, Colorado. We had 62 grangers in attendance from Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado. We had programs on leadership. Renee Caldwell had two pine needle basket weaving classes and BJ, Kathy, and Cindy hosted two tie dying events to provide tablecloths for the state convention. You will see them tomorrow at the Gala. Thank you, Renee, BJ, Cindy, Kathy, Sheryl, and Carol Lackey for your help with the regional conference. All had a good time.

Membership needs to be a priority for this next year. We need to recruit new members and mentor them to be our replacements. The grange has an important role in our society at this time of political divisiveness. We are a non-partisan organization. We need to promote this to give people a place to enjoy friendship outside of politics.

This past year we were sorry to lose the Green Valley Grange Building. It became too much for their members to manage. The good news is we had three granges with a net gain in membership: good work. The Colorado State Grange has 927 members. Colorado added 63 new members this past year and dropped 23. Thanks to all the granges that added members, Altona, Animas Vally, Cache La Poudre, Enterprise, Florida, Florissant, Mount Allison, Mount Lookout, Pleasant Park, Redlands Mesa, Rose Hill, Lambert, Golden Gate, Left Hand, Lewis, and Sunflower.

The State Grange had a booth at the Colorado State Fair. Roger Ayers constructed a question board for the Fair. Thank you, Cindy, for making the display and delivering it to Pueblo. Thank you, Roger, for the question board.

Colorado had two granges receive a Rural Life Initiative Grant this year. Congratulations to Sunflower Grange and Mount Lookout Grange.

National Grange

In November, Kathy and I attended the National Grange convention held in Bettendorf, Iowa. Congratulations to Cindy Greer for work as the Ceres of the National Grange. There will be a resolution on this year's agenda to raise the National Grange Dues by \$10 per year. This is the second reading and, if it passes, it will go into effect in 2026.

The Grange Insurance Company is considering changing the form of the insurance company. They are currently a Fraternal company. They will be changing to a Mutual company. If this change happens, we will lose the national grange supportive money. This will affect the Colorado Grange budget.

Legislative

Thank you to Mike Lackey for his work at the Legislature this past year. There are two measures on the ballot this year that the Colorado State Grange urges grangers to follow closely. The first ballot measure is MKM which will increase State Taxes for school meals and food assistance programs. The second ballot measure is LL which would retain and spend State revenue above original estimates for Healthy School Meals Program. We should all become knowledgeable on the ballot measures and vote in November.

Thank You

I would like to thank all who assisted me this past year. Thank you to Cindy Greer for her assistance and work as secretary. I would like to thank the executive committee, Tom Campion, Mike Lackey, Roger Ayers, and Harry Greer for their work this past year. Thanks to Sheryl Ayres for her work as treasurer. Thanks to the department directors, Dave McCord, Agriculture; Lisa Mittan, Community Service; Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter, Family Activities; Kathy Wardle, Youth and Juniors; Mike Lackey, Legislative /Real Estate; Louetta Phelps, Health, and State Lecturer BJ Bushman. Special thanks to State Lecturer BJ Bushman for assistance in planning the state convention and to Kathy Wardle for assistance in planning the state convention and the regional conference this year.

Fraternally,

Gary Wardle, President

Colorado State Grange

Let us be ever mindful of our motto:

IN ESSENTIALS UNITY, IN NON-ESSENTIALS LIBERTY, AND IN ALL THINGS CHARITY

Secretaries Report
Cindy Greer

The secretaries' office always has some challenges and a learning curve. This year was no exception. One Grange failed to file their property tax exempt report, even after several attempts by the CSG to get them to do so which resulted in their being placed on the property tax rolls and receiving a bill from the County. It was only then that they realized that their failure to file the report has consequences. The CSG was contacted when the Subordinate Grange failed to pay the tax. Fortunately, there was an individual in the county office that appreciated what the Grange had done for the community and was extremely helpful in rectifying the situation. It took a bit of time and extra paper work with the Colorado Department of Revenue to get them back on the tax-exempt status, but in the end it was accomplished. Do I recommend that Granges ignore these reports – Absolutely Not. Take the 5-10 minutes to complete the form on-line and be done with it instead of spending hours trying to get back what was lost.

The Colorado Granger and membership reports make up the bulk of time the keeps the state secretary busy. Thirty-five Subordinate Granges receive quarterly reports and reminders and three Pomona Granges receive yearly reminders for their dues report. Adding new members, updating addresses, and dropping members are done quarterly to the data base. The National Grange has moved the Data base from Blue Tahiti to Growth Zone, which has been a painful process and is not yet really working. I have gone to keeping a separate list of members added and members dropped since we were told not to use the old data base any longer but not told how to update the new one. We hope it is better in the long run, but the waiting is not good.

Yearly we are required to file a "Statement of Ownership" with USPS. This year I experienced some issues in trying to get the right numbers on the report, which has resulted in changing the origin with the USPS to Durango and an additional fee to do that. Publication Printers has done a wonderful job of putting the paper together after I have gathered the articles and put many of them in the right font and format. We print a copy of each article in addition to emailing all of them to Publication Printers, which is not a bad thing because sometime email fails and the missed articles can be sent again. We asked Publication Printers to send 5 copies to the state office for our archives, and Publication Printers keeps 12 for their archives. The OPT-IN opportunities for Grange member to tell us how they want to receive their paper is another thing I get to keep track of. I know that there are times when I forget to take someone off the email list that has been dropped and sometimes the papers just do not get delivered for whatever reason that is still a mystery. We have 143 members/families who have opted in to receive the paper via email, 17 that do not want to receive it at all and we mail the rest, which is approximately 512. Even email addresses bounce back for unknown reasons. If your box is too full we cannot send it to you so be sure to clean out your email boxes occasionally.

We receive a few phone calls, one recent one was from a family member of a former Grange member who had recently passed away. In cleaning out the home they found Grange records (Secretary books) and a Grange charter along with Grange plates and other items. They called the office to see if the State Grange wanted any of them. We chose to accept the Charter and the secretary books, but advised them to dispose of the other items as we have place to store them anymore. We have people call to see if certain building is for sale and those calls are referred to the Individual Grange contacts.

I have started building a list of duties the secretary performs now so that when the time comes for a new secretary they have something to refer to.

Each Subordinate and Pomona Grange needs to designate someone to file the 990N Postcard with the IRS on a yearly basis. Depending on how the IRS has your Grange year listed will affect when you file. For those whose Grange year is September 1 to August 31 you will need to file that 990N postcard before the end of the calendar year. For those who year is January 1 to December 31, you need to file the 990N before May 15. You have some time, because the IRS allows you to file the report currently once every three years, but it is better to file it every year that way you do not forget. The IRS does not remind you to do this.

Colorado currently has (as of the end of the second quarter) 873 members, 12 family memberships with 18 exempt members, 53 Non-exempt Golden Sheaf members, 19 associate members, 2 affiliate members and 29 Junior members and Junior Plus one members, for a total membership of 927. We only had three Granges in the state have an increase in membership. Cache La Poudre gained seven members and Mt. Allison Grange and Enterprise Grange each gained one member. Twelve Granges maintained the same number of members. Your Grange may have gained new members but if you lost members also the net numbers do not show that. Colorado has added 63 new members (some are Junior Plus one), but we have also dropped 23. Granges that added new members were: Altona, Animas Valley, Cache La Poudre, Enterprise, Florida, Florissant, Mount Allison, Mount Lookout, Pleasant Park, Redlands Mesa, Rose Hill, Lambert, Golden Gate, Lefthand, Lewis and Sunflower.

It is always interesting seeing new officer reports come in and even delegate information come in and find someone on those lists who is not on the membership list. Some have joined since the last quarterly report, but others have been mistakenly dropped and not added back in and then we must figure out what happened. Working with the local secretary helps solve those issues. We all make mistakes, I know I do. I want to thank all the Subordinate and Pomona secretaries for their work and for sending in their report in a timely manner. We may not agree on how this should be done but if it gets done we can work with it. Thank you to Gary Wardle, Sheryl Ayers, and the executive committee for their support. Thank you to Harry or listening to me vent some days.

Report of the Treasurer - 2025

Sheryl Ayers

Because of our investments, we may feel financially secure continuing our Grange and community work. The funds are regularly considered by the Executive Committee, your State Secretary and the representatives of the various investment companies.

As of the September 30, 2025, we have the following "cash" assets:

Community Banks checking \$8,375.81

Community Banks Money Market \$250,000.00

Community Banks Investment Fund \$496,725.31 (Castlewood sale, etc.)

LPL Financial \$436,993.25

LPL Financial \$571,533.23

LPL Financial \$512,593.58

Metrum Credit Union \$3,041.68+ (6/30/25 balance)

Metrum Emergency Fund \$8,480.29+ (6/30/25 balance).

The accounts associated with Grange hall sales are held by the State Grange for that Subordinate to use when they purchase/build a new hall. (The Grange, according to the National Digest, has safeguards in place for funds from Grange buildings/property being sold and for Granges surrendering their charter.) The invested funds in LPL are partially from the sale of the State Grange building years ago.

Once again, I want to express appreciation to Cindy Greer, State Secretary, for always having information I need and for being willing to work so well with me. Gary Wardle, State Master, and the

Executive Committee members always are looking at our finances, asking good questions and giving helpful suggestions. I thank you, fellow Grangers, for entrusting me with the privilege and responsibility of being your treasurer.

Fraternally,
Sheryl Ayers

Colorado State Grange Website

Contact: Larry Corman – larry_corman@hotmail.com

Greetings! I enjoyed visiting at State Session with many of you.

As part of state session, I presented a short tutorial on how to create a Google calendar for each of the subordinate granges. Due to the brevity of my allotted time, I could not present a tutorial on how to register your subordinate grange on Google. With that in mind, I have uploaded both tutorials to the CSG website. Simply go under “Members” on the far right of the top menu and you will see a link to “website tutorials.” You will find both tutorials on that page (website tutorials).

Here are the links to both pages for your own reference.

<https://www.coloradogrango.org/docs-pubs/member-application/>

<https://www.coloradogrango.org/members/website-tutorials/>

In addition, I have created an online membership application form for all granges. You can refer potential members to that form. Once they complete that form, it will be sent to the CSG secretary (Cindy) and she will forward the e-mail to the proper subordinate secretary. The membership application can be found by going to Docs/Pubs on the top menu and you will see a link “member application.”

And, please let me know if you have any suggestions for improving the state’s website. And, if you have any website-related questions, please feel free to contact me at the e-mail address listed above.

Happy browsing!

Annual Report of the Colorado State Grange

Leadership and Scholarship Foundation

August, 2025

President Wardle, Delegates and Members:

The Board of Directors of the Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation is pleased to report that it has awarded eleven scholarships to deserving students in Colorado for the academic year 2025-2026. Each received \$2000 to pursue education and training to help them embark on their chosen career.

The recipients are as follows:

Katrina Borst, University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine, Florissant Grange

Caitlyn Chapman, Colorado Mesa University, Mt. Allison Grange

Emily Davis, Colorado State University, El Paso Grange

Alexander Lein, Colorado Mesa University, Golden Gate Grange

Braden Lein, Metropolitan State University, Golden Gate Grange

Tyler Fortun, Red Rocks Community College, Golden Gate Grange

Ashley Hoery, Colorado State University, Green Valley Grange

Trevor Phillips, Colorado School of Mines. Golden Gate Grange

Elizabeth Reed Brooks, Mesa State University, Riverside Grange

Amy Rhodes, University of Northern Colorado, Garden Home Grange

Desea Spradlin, Western Welding Academy, Cherry Creek Grange

Congratulations to these young men and women.

The financial condition of the Foundation remains strong. The Board was able to fund all eleven scholarships with earnings from the corpus investment account. Donations to the Foundation are most welcome so the Board can continue to invest in the future of these young people.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation

Community Service – 2025

Lisa Mittan, Director

Five combined reports were submitted, with one additional community service and two additional Lecturer reports submitted as stand-alone reports. There were a lot of good and worthy programs and activities described in the reports submitted, that certainly merit recognition for community service. This year was the first year that National Grange is not conducting a State-based Community Service contest. This means our Colorado State Grange contest no longer needs to meet standards required by National for submission form contents or format. Consequently, our subordinate Granges can complete the Lecturer section of the combined

report and tell the stories of their programs through the year, based on where they think those programs fit best under the respective colored Star. Completing the form for submitting a list of programs in their Community Service report is very much appreciated, as it helps with learning their thoughts as to what kinds of programs their members see as important for service to their communities. Grange information is completed on the first page of the Lecturer report; however, so a simple list of those programs under the Red Community Service Star will serve the same purpose.

Instructions for this new format, beginning with 2025, are provided on the Combined Reports form, which is emailed to key members of each active subordinate Grange within the state of Colorado. The instructions are also provided in the annual Handbook included in the Colorado Granger newspaper and on the Colorado State Grange website. National Grange had changed its position on not holding State Grange-based Community Service contests well after the beginning of our Grange year, and we already had the instructions based on the previous process in our annual handbook. We did send out a revised Combined Reports Form for 2025 to help with submitting the information with the focus on completing the Lecturer Star section, and most of the Granges submitting their reports did use that new format. As always, the reason for combining the reports into one file is to support the individual Granges, so they understand they only need to report one time on each program they conduct. Telling us the stories of these programs in the Lecturer Star section, and listing the program names under Community Service (whether under the Community Service form or under the Red Community Service Lecturer Star) will hopefully make this even easier going forward.

It does appear that many of the active Granges within the state of Colorado are conducting community service programs and events. It also appears that most of these Granges do not want to report on these programs at the State Grange level, regardless of the opportunities for recognition, including the possibility of monetary awards.

I am considering holding an interactive Zoom meeting within the next couple of months to provide a means for conversation, questions, and help with completing the Combined Reports Form, with hope that it will help more people in more of our Colorado subordinate Granges to decide to give it a try. We really want to be able to have what everyone is doing to provide service in their communities shared with other Colorado Granges. Everyone is having some great ideas, and finding creative and effective ways to implement these ideas. Growing that aspect of what Grange is and what it can mean to a community can only help make things better for our neighbors.

First place community Service went to Mt. Allison Grange, 2nd Place went to Marvel Grange and third place went to Enterprise Grange.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

END OF YEAR REPORT 2024-2025 Idella Lewis & Karen Baxter

The Family Activities Department had a successful year in 2024 at the Colorado Grange State Session held in Durango. There was a total of 30 entries in the baking and food preservation events and a total of 30 entries in the needlework events.

Following the judging of the baking event, a bake sale was held which raised \$53 that will go toward the prize money. Thank you to everyone who participated!

The following Granges had entries;

Mt. Allison 20 - Marvel 17 - Golden Gate 16 - Lewis 10 - Green Valley 2 - Enterprise 1 - Florida 1 – Sunflower 1 - Golden Gate 16

Butter cakes, frosted

1st – Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise #25

Altered Cake mix

1st – Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Bar Cookies

1st Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise

2nd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Junior Baking – Cookies

1st Sofia Dannels, Enterprise

Quick Bread

1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel

Canned Foods

1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

Juices

1st Vicki Sutton Gallegos, Mt. Allison

Salsas Tomatoes, Relishes

1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

Dried Foods, leathers, jerky

1st - Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

Stuffed Toy

1st - Tamara Halbeisen, Maple Grove

2nd – Loeda Westphal, El Paso

3rd – Ruth Wilson Francisco, Lewis

Quilt of Valor quilt block

Yeast Bread or 7 rolls

1st – Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Sweet rolls, (7) made with yeast

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel

2nd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Cookies

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel

Junior Cakes

1st – Alicia Hernandez, Golden Gate

Other Candy

1st Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate

2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel

3rd Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise

Jams, Jellies or Syrup

1st Carol Lackey, Enterprise

2nd Pamela Campbell, Enterprise

3rd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate

Pickles

1st – Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

National Quilt Block

1st – Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison

2nd – Cindy Greer, Marvel

3rd – Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate

Block of your choice (Quilt block)

1st – Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison

2nd – Cindy Greer, Marvel

3rd – Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate

Misc Fab or yarn

1st – Renee Caldwell, Florissant

2nd – Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate

3rd – Marcia Phillips, Florissant

Needlework

Crochet or Knit Afghan, any size

1st place – Pauline Ford, Florida #306

Crochet, Misc

1st Renee Caldwell, Florissant

2nd Pauline Ford, Florida

3rd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate

Machine Embroidery

1st Harry Greer, Marvel

2nd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate

3rd Ruth Wilson Francisco, Lewis

Machine quilted, any size

1st Marcia Zahrung, Florissant

2nd Marcia Phillips, Florissant

3rd Cindy Greer, Marvel

Wall hanging

1st – Karen Currier, Florissant

2nd – Cindy Greer, Marvel 3rd – Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate

1st – Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison

2nd – Cindy Greer, Marvel

Crochet or Knit Sweater, any size

1st place – Karen Currier, Florissant

Hand embroidery, cross stitch or counted

1st Marcia Phillips, Florissant

2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel

Decorator Pillow

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel

2nd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate

3rd Becky Riley, Green Valley

Hand Quilted any size

1st – Debbie Koontz, Enterprise

Quilted Table Runner

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel

2nd Karen Currier, Florissant

3rd Alyn Hansen, Golden Gate.

Grange Agriculture Director Report, October 2025 by David H. McCord

My activities over the past year:

Wrote Agriculture Reports for The Colorado Granger.

Attended meetings of the Colorado Ag Council at the Capital representing the Grange

Together with President Gary Wardle and Legislative Liaison Mike Lackey attended annual Ag Day at the Capital where we hosted our Grange booth and met with legislators and Colorado agriculture leaders.

Helped oppose three elections initiatives, fortunately defeated, that would have been damaging to agriculture and bad for rural Colorado, the two Denver initiatives:

To ban fur trapping (would have banned trapping of fur animals and sale of fur products in Denver, includes cowboy hats made from beaver or rabbit fur) and to ban slaughterhouses (one remains that processes all of Colorado's lamb production, an economic impact near \$700 million.). Also, the proposed statewide initiative to ban hunting and trapping of mountain lions.

I track wolf issues on many fronts, their damage to ranch livestock, import of more wolves, their cost to Colorado tax-payers, difficulties of Colo. Parks and Wildlife over wolf management, a failed initiative to stop wolves and a fresh initiative to ban further wolf imports.

A request, we belong to the Colorado Ag Water Alliance but I lack time to adequately participate in their meetings. I seek anyone's interest to pursue water issues for CSG. CAWA will host an all-day Water Summit in Greeley, Dec. 2, Phone: (720) 244-4629, www.coagwater.org

Important web sites I recommend on agriculture and rural related issues:

Colorado Agriculture Council: <https://www.coloradoagcouncil.net> Unfortunately half of content is gibberish as we lack a vol. to update and maintain the site.

Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project: <https://www.cowildlifeconservationproject.org>

Colorado Ag Leaders Program: <https://www.coloagleaders.org>

Mandy Project
Cindy Greer

Just about the time you think you are not going to receive any requests one comes in. This year to date we have received only one application.

Brand and Katie Goebel's oldest son, Henry, was diagnosed with sensorineural hearing loss in February 2024 and began wearing hearing aids in April of 2024. Unfortunately, his hearing aids claim was denied by our insurance carrier (Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield). We just got done paying the approximately \$5k out of pocket fees tied to his hearing aids in May of this year. Unfortunately, in June we learned that our youngest son Liam also has sensorineural hearing loss. He began wearing hearing aids last week and his claim was also denied by Anthem BCBS. Children's Hospital has done what they can to provide us out of pocket discounts (the cost of hearing aids has gone up almost \$1,000 in the 15 months between Henry and Liam's diagnoses) but we are still left with \$4,556.20 to cover the expense of Liam's devices. We are fortunate to be high income earners and thus, are ineligible for many other funding options offered to families in a similar position as ours. Mandy Project information was provided to us by Henry and Liam's audiologist as a last-ditch hope that we can get help with some or all the expenses for Liam's hearing aids. The back-to-back unforeseen expenses for Henry and Liam have challenged our family and we would be very grateful for any assistance the Mandy Project is able to provide. We are frankly so overwhelmed right now and that is compelling us to reach out to organizations like The Mandy Project. The Mandy project provided this family with \$2,000.00. \$500.00 from PICK funds and \$1500.00 from Colorado State Grange Mandy project funds.

We hope that each Grange continues to promote the project so that we can help more children in the future.

People Improving Communities and Kids (P.I.C.K.)

Cindy Greer, Secretary/Treasurer

Our goals are to **build:**

People by recognizing leadership abilities and encouraging talents.

Family by offering a family-oriented environment and emphasizing family values.

Community by working together in a team spirit, providing service and community outreach.

PICK has continued to offer opportunities for partnerships to apply for capital improvement grants or other grants. Three Granges have provided information which has resulted in PICK applying to the Coors Family Foundation for a grant. Pick also applied to the El Pomar Foundation but was not a recipient. Those Granges are: Animas Valley, Mt. Allison, and Marvel. All need capital improvement projects assistance. I met with a Coors Family Foundation representative in September and we did a site visit at Marvel. She is our advocate with the Foundation and the Foundation meets in November and we will know then whether we are recipients. Animas Valley Grange has applied to three other entities: The Durango Rotary Club awarded them \$3,000.00, the Ballentine Foundation awarded them \$3,000.00 and they received \$3,000.00 from the La Plata Electric Round up Foundation. PICK worked with Animas Valley on the Rotary Club and Ballentine Foundation. The Roundup foundation did not require a 501c3.

Preparing to submit a grant request takes time and quite a bit of paper work. Some of which we have in place but it always needs updated. Financial reports from all entities are required – PICK and the Granges involved and many times those applying from a Subordinate Grange do not have the financial information and are dependent on other officers for that information.

Cache La Poudre Grange was the recipient of part of an estate from a member that passed away. PICK helped them be providing the 501c3 avenue and they received \$20,000.

PICK awarded four individuals' money for participating in the Public speaking at the Great Plains conference hosted in Canon City in June.

Last Year's silent Auction brought in \$422.00. Thank you to all who provided items for the silent auction and to those who purchased items. Members were helpful in setting up the auction and taking it down. Thank you.

The breakfasts served at state session last year brought in \$234.43 profit.

ANNUAL REPORTS

PICK filed their two separate reports with the Colorado Secretary of State, as well as our yearly 990 with the Internal Revenue Service. This year we were eligible to file the 990N Postcard instead of the long 990 report (but we filled it out anyway just to have the information).

Mandy Project

This year the Mandy project did receive one application to date. Liam Goebel's family was awarded \$500.00 from PICK for hearing aids. We did add back into the account \$1,000.00 from 2024 the never cleared the bank.

Books reviewed

We did have the financial books reviewed this year by Pine Top bookkeeping. We received a letter confirming that we have Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) and that all financial activity is justified and recorded. The bank adds a service charge to every statement but they also subtract that service charge to every statement. I do not record that as it is just a waste of time and paper.

The Board communicates via e-mail. Thank you to Trish Corman, Karen Baxter, Lisa Mittan, Gary Wardle for their assistance this past year. This being an election year we welcome new members.

Lecturer

BJ Bushman

What makes for a successful Gala? Is it the Karaoke? Is it the snacks? Is it the games? Nope! It is the active participation and genuine camaraderie. That is what made our Groovy Gala reach gang-buster status! Thanks to those who put on the purple afro wigs for our hilarious game! Congrats to the winners of the Groovy Garments contest - you all looked very hip! Kudos to all who stepped up to the microphone and belted out fun songs for us to sing along with and enjoy! Deepest thanks to those who took home our tie-dyed table cloths and table toppers! We appreciate the donation!

Alongside our peachy-keen, groovy fun was the opportunity to celebrate your accomplishments for the year. As always, it is so impressive to see the incredible programs, outreach, and community service being done by Granges across the state. Keep up the amazing work. Continue to build those alliances with like-minded groups. Cultivate awareness that promotes the Grange mission.

Granges awarded the Lecturer’s Star Awards were Aminas Valley, Enterprise, Maple Grove, Marvel, Mount Allison, and Sunflower. Darden Pomona was also awarded the same recognition. Congratulations again!

The Lecturer’s Contests had several impressive entries this year. Thank you to everyone who submitted their amazing work!

Hobby Corner - Holiday Items:

- 1st Cindy Greer
- 2nd Dorothy Dannels
- 3rd Vickie Sutton

Hobby Corner - Miscellaneous

- 1st Renee Caldwell
- 2nd Tamera Halbeisen
- 3rd Paul Dannels

Workbench - Art

- 1st Audrey Almeda
- 2nd Audrey Almeda
- 3rd Doug Phillips

Photography - America the Beautiful

- 1st Marcia Phillips
- 2nd Cindy Greer

Photography - Agriculture/Farming

- 1st Vickie Sutton
- 2nd Cindy Greer

Photography - Say it with Flowers

- 1st Cindy Greer
- 2nd Vickie Sutton

Photography - Bridges

- 1st Cindy Greer

Pen In Hand

These entrants read their creative written work at our Annual Banquet

Ruth Wilson Francisco - Judy Vogel - Cindy Greer

Once again, thank you for your active participation in each of these events from the Groovy Gala to Star Awards to One Book to Written Works to Contest Entries. What a pleasure to witness the talent and dedication within the Colorado Grange!

As we celebrate these successes, please be thinking to the future and how you can be a positive influence in your community - continuing to be *Grange Strong*.

Junior Grange Winners, Colorado State Grange Convention 2025

Holiday Decorations

Ages 5-9

First: Sierra Phelps, Mt. Allison

Second: Henry Greer, Marvel

Third: Ruger Phelps, Mt. Allison

Third: Elaina Simons, Mt. Allison

Ages 10-14

First: Emmett Greer, Marvel

Second: Brianna Greer, Marvel

Third: Flynn Simons, Mt. Allison

Third: Jacob Greer, Marvel

Miscellaneous

Ages 5-9

First: Henry Greer, Marvel

Second: Elayna Simons, Mt. Allison

Third: Elayna Simons. Mt. Allison

Ages 10-14

First: Zion Simons, Mt. Allison

Second: Jeremiah Shields

Third: Jeremiah Shields

Third: Jeremiah Shields

Nature Crafts

Ages 5-9

First: Henry Greer, Marvel

Second: Sierra Phelps. Mt. Allison

Third: Ruger Phelps, Mt. Allison

Special Gift

Ages 5-9

First: Elayna Simons. Mt. Allison

Second: Henry Greer, Marvel

Third: Brayden Luna, Mt. Allison

Ages 10-14

First: Flynn Simons, Mt. Allison

Second: Flynn Simons. Mt. Allison

Third: Brianna Greer, Marvel

Work of Art

Ages 5-9

First: Sierra Phelps. Mt. Allison

Second: Elayna Simons. Mt. Allison

Third: Elayna Simons

Executive Committee Chairman's Report

Fellow Officers and Delegates,

The printed Executive Committee minutes are in your meeting packets. I encourage you to review them closely. If any questions arise, please do not hesitate to ask me or any member of the Committee.

First, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to **State Secretary Cindy Greer** and **Treasurer Sheryl Ayers**. The thorough, timely, and accurate information they furnished was indispensable, enabling the Executive Committee to act with confidence and fidelity on behalf of the Colorado State Grange.

Over the past year, the Executive Committee, consisting of Tom Campion, Mike Lackey, and myself, along with Master Gary Wardle and Overseer Harry Greer, have worked diligently to implement the decisions passed by the delegate body of the Colorado State Grange. In addition, we have addressed issues and made strategic decisions about issues that surfaced throughout the year, always striving to uphold the vision and mandate entrusted to us.

One critical development occurred recently: we have learned that the **Grange Insurance Association** will no longer be providing supportive dues to our organization. This change has direct budgetary implications and could impact our operations moving forward. We anticipate this topic will surface for discussion during the current State Session, and I encourage all of you to consider its ramifications carefully.

I look forward to working with each of you over the coming days, and I trust that together we will continue to strengthen and advance the Colorado State Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Ayers

Executive Chairman

Colorado State Grange

Executive committee meeting – September 28, 2024

Those present: Roger Ayers, Tom Campion, Mike Lackey, Harry Greer, Jon Kullmann, Cindy Greer, Sheryl Ayers.

Gary called the meeting to order. Roger Ayers was elected chairman.

Gary moved we pay the bills. Seconded and carried.

Gary moved with authorize Harry to get new tires and rims for the trailer. Seconded and carried. Tom suggested we might want to think about getting a shipping container for storage.

Gary has received a letter from Victory Grange to sell their building. They are working with Mike Lackey to sell the building. As soon as they get an appraisal he will communicate with the ex-committee. Currently zoned as a fraternal building, and Mike was checking into changing the zoning so that they could get additional money. Might be some costs with that process.

Gary is still working on Green Valley. He is working with the attorney who has not yet found an owner.

Gary moved we donate \$100 to the National Grange Foundation in lieu of gifts to the National Delegates. Seconded and carried.

Cindy asked if we could get an estimate on a display for the state fair exhibit.

Sheryl transferred \$10,000, to the bank account recently to cover expenses.

Gary asked if we have emblems that we can sent to cover the resolutions passed for Denver. Gary will work with Dave McCord.

Next meeting via zoom: December 9, 6 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Date: December 9, 2024

Roger Ayers called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Roger & Sheryl Ayers, Gary Wardle, Harry & Cindy Greer, Tom Campion, and Mike Lackey.

Cindy Greer read the minutes from September. Harry moved we accept the minutes as amended. Seconded and carried.

Harry Greer moved we approve the bills paid. Seconded and carried.

Harry Greer moved we accept the receipts as deposited. Seconded and carried.

Communications were received from the following:

Thank you from North Carolina Foundation for the \$500.00 donation.

Colorado Ag Council sent a copy of the letter that was sent to Gov Polis about supporting agriculture organization that utilize pesticides and other types of sprays which was read to the board because it has Colorado State Grange on it.

EX Comm work done by email:

September 9 - Gary Wardle moved that we recognize Karen Baxer as Outstanding Granger. Motion was seconded and carried.

November 4, 2024 Harry Greer moved that the Colorado State Grange employ Mike Lackey as the Real Estate Agent for the sale of the Victory Grange property in Aurora, Colorado. Seconded and carried.

November 4 – Harry Greer moved we approve the sale of the Victory Grange Hall. Seconded and Carried.

November 8 – Harry Greer moved we partner with Grouper. Seconded and carried.

November 21, 2024 Harry Greer moved the funds from the sale of Victory be invested in LPL. Seconded and carried.

November 21, 2024 Tom moved we send Victory Grange \$1,000 for their needs from the sale of their building. Seconded and carried.

Granges:

Green Valley – Gary Wardle is still working with the attorney but nothing has happened. May have to get a new attorney because this attorney handled the family involved before. Tom Campion asked if we needed to pay the insurance? Gary said he had talked with Pam and he has not heard from her.

Lambert – Gary Wardle will contact to see what help they might need.

Victory – LPL Fund will have a new account created. The LPL agent did not want invest the cash we needed to pull out to pay the bills. Sheryl Ayers suggested she hold out \$30,000.00. They are invested like our other accounts.

Old Business:

Review of books - Sheryl Ayers did not know what to do because she has not heard from the person who was going to do it. She asked for other suggestions. Sheryl will check with Mr. Oldfield before the first of the year.

Discussion on the two resolutions concerning State session were discussed. We will set up a zoom meeting to discuss it further.

Great Plains Regional Conference – potential dates June 20-22, 2025. Gary and Kathy Wardle have been looking at Canyon City as a possible location.. One of the National Grange Fellows from Kansas is willing to help with workshops.

New Business:

State Session – Gary Wardle has been working with BJ Bushman. Douglas County has a building for \$200.00 per day. Cherry Ellis knows some smaller hotels in Castlerock that can be used for housing. Gary asked for suggestions as to whom we would like to invite as our National representative to the state convention. Roger Bostwick and Phil Vonada were mentioned. Gary is thinking about establishing a planning committee for the convention that might come up with ideas for other Grangers to do. Sheryl Ayers suggested that we consider having a contest or demonstration on some aspect of the Ritual (one of the degrees, flag presentation, short form initiation, balloting, etc.).

Master's report – Gary Wardle said that Sunflower Grange is having an internal struggle with the change of officers. Gary visited them recently and the meeting was well attended. Farm Bureau people were there. The Women's auxiliary of the FB is collecting items to send to North Carolina. They are looking for help with the shipping costs.

Tom Champion moved we donate \$200.00 for shipping to the Farm Bureau Women's Auxiliary. Seconded and carried.

Gary Wardle said he and Kathy attended the National Grange convention. The seventh degree was not in full costume on stage but on the session floor with black suits and the collars and it was good. National is talking about doing a video of the 7th degree for preservation and showing at 2025 at the convention. Feb 14-16 is the Leaders conference in California and he and Kathy are planning on attending.

Overseer's Report – Harry Greer reported that he and Cindy attended national Session. Rode a river boat on the Mississippi. Attended some meeting at Marvel, breakfast and will attend New Year's Eve Party.

Ex committee report

Tom Champion had no report

Mike Lackey has been trying to stay cool. They stuffed socks at their Grange. They went to Morocco. Rode a camel in the Saharah which was fun.

Roger Ayers has been doing a little maintenance on the Marvel Grange Hall.

Sec report – Cindy reported that the JOP is printed and working on Roster. Handbook is in process and Granger articles are due Dec. 15. Passwords will be sent out. Copier is having some issues.

Treasurer – Sheryl looked at the LPL Folio today. We still ended up with an ending value of \$865,000.00.

Harry Greer moved the secretary be given the ability to purchase a new copier if this one is not repairable. Seconded and carried.

Date of Next Meeting: Feb 24, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was Adjourned

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: February 24, 2025

Roger Ayers called the Zoom meeting to Order at 6.02 p.m.

Those present: Tom Campion, Mike Lackey, Roger & Sheryl Ayers, Gary Wardle, Cindy & Harry Greer

Harry Greer moved we approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded and carried.

Harry Greer moved that we accept the bills paid. Seconded and carried.

Harry Greer moved that we accept the receipts as printed. Seconded and carried.

Communication: Received a letter from IRS stating that CSG had not filed a 990T form which is unrelated business income for 2020. Cindy check with Larry and he was thinking we did not have to file because we did not have unrelated business income. I sent the IRS a letter and a copy of the first two pages of our filing on Jan 7. Received a second letter and this time I called the IRS and they instructed me to just write on the notice that we did not need to file the 990T and to mail it in, which was done.

EX Comm work done by email:

December 10 - Tom Campion moved we support the Ag Council and pay \$300.00 membership fee. Motion was seconded and carried.

Granges:

Green Valley – Gary Wardle is still trying to work with them to do something. They might do an easter egg hunt around Easter. American Family Insurance was the company that we paid insurance to in August and we do not think anything has been paid since because we have not received bills. Mike Lackey volunteered his sister to help with the title search and advertising that Gary is still working on with a lawyer, but there is a conflict with the lawyer as he was the one who settled the estate for the original owners of the land, so he may need to find another lawyer.

Old Business:

Review of books – Carol Thompson has indicated an interest in reviewing the books. We will ask her about doing three years and will see if she will do the 990. Gary moved that we reach out to Carol Thompson to review the books and prepare the 990. Seconded and carried. Cindy will contact her.

Resolutions from State session – Gary has mentioned the quilt of valor nominations in his last two articles. Cindy created an article for Quilt of Valor requirements and nominations. We will add where and when the next state session will be to the form and will publish in next Colorado Granger and send out to Grange secretaries.

The resolution on investigating a different time of year for the state convention was discussed as well as the resolution on shortening the convention. Discussion on different locations and when motel rates increase was held. We should try to find out the hotel rates at different times of the year in different locations. Gary suggested that someone stop by the Super 8 and talk to Michael to ask about rates at different times of the year, Roger Ayers volunteered.

State Session – Gary Wardle reported that we reserved the Kirk building for \$200.00 a day. The fairgrounds have a \$250.00 cleaning fee. It is a large room. We need to either rent curtains to separate the room or we need to purchase something. Gary still needs to get measurements.

Harry Greer moved that we investigate the price of the curtains and frames and carry on via email after the numbers are located. Seconded and carried. Harry volunteered to investigate.

State Session dates are Oct 2-4, 2025 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds as those were the dates available. The fairgrounds have a nice kitchen and all the tables and chairs needed. He needs to find someone to cater the final banquet. He is going to check on the Meadows Grange building for the gala on Friday. Gary asked for suggestions for who to invite to the convention from National also send suggestions on topics for speakers. Gary will contact BJ and a couple of other people on what we might want to do at the state convention. The 250/150th might be a topic for the convention.

Great Plains Regional Conference – Gary reported that it will be in Canon City on June 21 and 22. Registration fee is \$45.00 – Motel is 118.00. plus \$30.00 to visit the Royal Gorge. We are asking all the states to provide a workshop. KS may bring a bus of people. Planning on OK and TX to participate. We hope Colorado people will come. Discussion was held on need for electronic payment, but we agreed that most can pay by check so we will not offer that option. We will need to work with Leadership/scholarship to pay for the meeting room.

New Business:

Master's report: Gary reported that he had a heart attack on 1/24 and two stints were put in. He has kind of slowed down a bit. He will start rehab this Friday. Has physical limitation that are not all bad now. He has been working with Green Valley. He will be at Sunflower Grange March 1 to install their officers. He did not get to go to the National Grange Presidents/officers/leaders conference in California as Dr. recommended he not fly. He did zoom the meeting on Saturday. National has a program about Sustenance. He and Kathy are on the 250th committee for National.

Overseer's Report – Harry Greer reported that he attended a couple of Grange meetings since the last meeting. He did attend the leader's conference in CA, visited a vineyard, visited with those present and participated in workshops. The 7th degree will be filmed in IL at the End of March which he and Cindy will attend.

Ex committee report:

Mike Lackey reported that they have been doing a lot of stuff with his subordinate and they are having a membership push and they might have 8 or 10 new members.

Tom Campion shared that the Pomona meeting was cancelled due to water issues at Florida.

Roger Ayers has been to a couple of Grange meeting. He has been working on a display board that we might be able to use at state fair. He should have it ready in early March.

Sec reported the following:

2023 Tax report was filed by Larry November 10, 2024.

Quarterly report forms send out Jan 2 – Set up zoom meeting for Jan 31 for Sec.

Jan 31 Secretary meeting had 6 secretaries that joined the zoom meeting. We answered questions about membership classifications, Grouper, Membership recognition awards, state session resolutions that were passed and upcoming dues increase on the national level.

Completed Pinnacol assurance yearly review and will receive \$25.00 credit on next bill.

Completed 4th Quarterly report for National 2/7/25, delivered to treasurer to send payment.

Granger completed for March/April issue.

Exempt Property Reports have been received and have been sent out.

Attended the National Grange Leaders conference in CA. Grouper will be sending \$125.00 for our efforts.

Grouper is redoing some of their requirements and has asked us to stop promoting until a later time.

We have received several donations in memory of Bob Kuehster.

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Meeting Adjourned:

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Executive Committee Meeting – September 8, 2025

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Roger called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Harry Greer moved the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as printed. Seconded and carried.

Harry Greer moved we accept the bills paid. Seconded and carried.

Harry Greer moved we accept the receipts reported. Seconded and carried.

Email Action:

June 17, 2025 Harry Greer moved that the CSG reimburse officers and directors the following: mileage at \$0.40 per mile, maximum of \$300.00 for mileage, and the lodging up to \$350.00 per officer, and if two officers are in the same family they will stay in the same room, the second person gains \$50.00 raising the maximum per family for lodging \$400.00. Seconded, discussed for clarification, and carried.

July 15, 2025 Harry Greer moved the meal prices for lunches at state session be \$14.00/adult and \$7.00/child and that the banquet be \$20/adult and \$10/child. The motion was Seconded by Roger. The Motion was approved.

Communication:

IRS – approving our extension to file 990- Now due Nov 15.

Email from AT&T about increase in billing. It will go up \$5.00.

Granges:

Green Valley – Gary Wardle is getting ready to hire an attorney to clear their deed. Green Valley members are not cooperating.

Pikes Peak Pomona – Gary Wardle received an e-mail that they were giving up their charter. He was told the money they had left would be donated to the Leadership/Scholarship Fund. To date nothing has been received. Cindy Greer reported that she dropped them on the last National quarterly report.

Oxford – Cindy Greer shared information that Patty Mickey the Oxford President had filed a harassment suit against one fire department person. One of the fire department board members called and wanted advice on how to move forward. Gary Wardle will call Patty.

Mount Lookout – Cindy Greer shared that she and Harry attended a special meeting they had celebrating the improvements made to the inside of the building which were mainly possible because of a grant received from the Colorado Rural Housing Authority.

Golden Gate Grange – It was shared that they are looking for funding to redo an outside area that is covered. Cindy Greer has shared information with them about possible grant opportunities.

Old Business:

Review of books and 990 – Cindy Greer contacted Carol Thompson to see if progress had been made. Carol has responded to the email that she would try to get back to us soon.

State Session:

Harry Greer moved we accept the Outstanding Granger Nomination. Seconded and carried.

Cindy Greer will order a name tag. Gary Wardle will think about a gift.

Quilt of Valor – One nomination from Golden Gate. Harry Greer moved that we accept the quilts of valor nomination, Rich Phillips. Seconded and carried. A second one has been received. We are checking to see if they will be able to attend.

We received a request to Recognize 70-year member Loeda Westphal. Gary and Kathy Will present her with a 70-year pin at the final banquet. We will try to see if she is planning to attend. Cindy Greer said she had called and was looking for a roommate.

Cindy & Harry Greer set the state fair display up and all went well. The two tv's were set up. And the board that Roger Ayers made which has questions about the Grange and answers. Gary and Kathy Wardle brought the TV down that they had and zip drives and they picked the display up after the fair. We discussed reimbursement for those who set it up and took it down. Harry Greer asked if there were still funds left from last year. Gary Wardle thought that there were. The Greers had mileage and motel. Gary had mileage two days. Tom Campion moved we pay the same mileage we do for state session and one motel room. Seconded and carried.

New Business:

The resolution written regarding state Session meeting was discussed and amended. Tom Campion moved we present the resolution to the state convention. Seconded and carried.

Harry Greer moved that we bond the State Grange for the same as last year. Seconded and carried. The fee is about \$10.00 higher this year.

Budget meeting for 2026 will be September 18 at 6:30 p.m. as it was not ready at this meeting. The meeting will be via zoom.

Master's report – Gary has been working on getting all of state session thing ready. He had to chase down a new caterer for Saturday and the prices stayed the same and may be a little less. He worked with Cindy to get the State Fair exhibit done. He went to the Farmers Union meeting last week and will be supporting them with their legislative work. He attended Darden Pomona Meeting and Wheat Ridge events on Saturday. He is still working on Green Valley. He went to the Lakewood individual and picked up their charter and minutes.

Overseer's report - Harry reported he attended Subordinate meeting, Pomona Meeting, Mount Lookout Meeting, State Fair exhibit. Last week went to Florida to watch Grandson graduate from Army Diver training.

Ex committee members report:

Roger Ayers has been to a couple of meetings and the Pomona Exhibit day and planning meeting. He is looking forward to state session and National

Tom Champion reported that he has done a lot of same things as Harry. He is getting over a cold. Tom took his whole family to Torey Utah also and it was a little smoky.

Mike: was unable to be unmuted.

Treasurer Report – Sheryl shared information about the money invested in LPL and the other investments. Discussion was held on the balance in the bank account. She will transfer some money in to cover the expenses coming up.

Secretary Report – Cindy Greer reported that two Granges have sent in their money for bonding to date. Have received one other resolution, 11 Granges have sent in Delegate information. They set up the State Fair booth and stayed for Friday and Saturday. They attended the National Grange Revival in Utah. They went to Mount lookout Grange for a reception for their building improvements. They went to Pomona Exhibit day and planning meeting. We will be going to Indiana State Grange session as a national representative in October. She filed the statement of ownership for the paper with the post office and in doing so they recommended changing our status and is still working on that as it must be done in Durango and the Bulk mailing person was out for several weeks because of the death of his father and then we were out of town. So maybe later this week that will be completed. The state Grange may have to pay \$145.00 to change the office of origin from Florissant to Durango and can change the status at the same time.

Date of Next meeting - October 4 following Banquet

Meeting adjourned at: Harry Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Seconded and carried.

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS
2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION

COLORADO STATE GRANGE Committees are identified as follows:

Agriculture, Cooperatives & Water Resources.....	AG
Legislation & Taxation, Ecology, Health, Education & Welfare.....	L/T
Ecology, Health, Education, Welfare.....	EHEW
Highways and transportation.....	H/T
Good of the Order.....	GOTO
Grange Activities.....	GA
Budget.....	B

RESOLUTION TITLES AND ACTION

TITLE	DELEGATE ACTION
AG- 1 Public Lands.....	Adopted
AG-2 Wolf Pause.....	Adopted
AG-3 Land Development.....	Adopted
B- 1 Dues increase.....	Adopted
EHEW 1 - Religious literature in schools.....	Adopted
GA – 1 Colorado State Grange Convention Schedule Change.....	Rejected
LG – 1 Colorado’s mail-in ballot system for elections.....	Rejected
GOTO - 1 Mature Custodial Funds Grant Resolution	Adopted
GOTO – 2 resolution-interest earning	Adopted

CREDENTIALS REPORT - DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

Grange		Delegate
Darden Pomona #1	#1	Dorothy Dannels
Darden Pomona #1	#1	Idella Lewis
Progressive Pomona #4	#4	B.J. Bushman
La Plata Pomona #10	#10	Harry Greer
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Maple Grove #154	#154	J. Kelly
Maple Grove #154	#154	John Cruz
Wheat Ridge #155	#155	Kathy Wardle
Wheat Ridge #155	#155	Gary Wardle
Pleasant Park #156	#156	Jon Kullman
Pleasant Park #156	#156	Tom Hunter
Sunflower #162	#162	Cherry Ellis
Sunflower #162	#162	Dick Ellis
Enterprise #25	#25	Mike Lakey
Enterprise #25	#25	Carol Lackey
Florida #306	#306	Amy Peterson
Florida #306	#306	Elizabeth Hiner
Mt. Allison #308	#308	Larry Corman
Mt. Allison #308	#308	Carolyn Thompson
Lewis #406	#406	Ruth Wilson Franscisco
Lewis #406	#406	Shelly Griffin

Florissant #420	#420 Renee Caldwell
Florissant #420	#420 Karen Currier
Golden Gate #451	#451 Terri Costeldia
Golden Gate #451	#452 Jayne Ruesch
Victory #452	#452 David McCord
Victory #452	#452 Kay McCord
Marvel #479	#479 Tom Champion
El Paso #480	#480 Loeda Westphal

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

AG 01

OPPOSE TRANSFER OF FEDERAL MANAGED PUBLIC LANDS

WHEREAS Colorado has four national parks, eleven national forests, two national grasslands, eight national monuments, on millions of acres of public lands we all have access to for hiking, fishing, sight-seeing, skiing, hunting, camping, grazing, mining and other uses, all part of our state’s identity, and
 WHEREAS our public lands provide for family memories, where visitors from around the world come to be inspired and create memories, and where generations have found peace and purpose, and
 WHEREAS Utah’s Senator Mike Lee earlier proposed massive land sale of public land to raise funds to cut the federal deficit in the context of the “One Beautiful Bill Act,” and
 WHEREAS Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service were to be asked to sell between 0.5% and 0.75% of the 438 million acres the agencies manage across the West — up to 3.3 million acres, or 5,100 square miles, and
 WHEREAS sale of federal lands in Colorado and other states would reduce and limit the highly important use of those lands, and
 WHEREAS reasonable means for sale of smaller, individual parcels of public land are available; now, therefore, be it
 RESOLVED THAT National Grange opposes sale or transfer of public federal lands for budget purposes.

AG #2
One year pause in wolf translocation

Whereas the following 27 organizations support efforts requesting a pause of translocation of wolves into Colorado:

Middle Park Stock grower, Club 20	Colorado Cattlemen's
Colorado Wool Growers	Colorado Farm Bureau
Holy Cross Cattlemen's	Middle Park Cowgirls
Holy Cross Cattlewomen's	Routt-Moffat Wool Growers
North Thompson Cattle Association	North Park Stockgrowers
Coal Basin Cattle Association	Farm Bureau of Middle Park
Eagle County Farm Bureau	Routt County Cattlemen's\
Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel	Western Slope Wool Growers
La Plata Archuleta Cattleman's	Farm Bureau Board
Delta County Livestock Association	Rio Blanco Wool Growers
Gunnison County Stockgrowers	Moffat County Cattlemen's
Garfield County Farm Bureau	Rio Blanco Stockgrowers
Mesa County Cattlemen's	Uncompahgre Cattlemen's
	Colorado Counties Inc. (64 counties)

WHEREAS a one-year suspension of translocation activities will allow USFWS and CPW to: Assess ecological, economic, and social impacts of wolves already introduced; Refine depredation response, hazing, lethal take, and compensation protocols; Clarify the legal limits of CPW's authority under ESA Section 6 and state law; Protect the reputation and integrity of both agencies with the public; Confirm that the program moves forward in a manner consistent with ESA obligations and Proposition 114. This request is not opposition to wolf recovery. It is a demand for lawful, science-driven, and responsible management that upholds the ESA (Endangered Species Act) while protecting Colorado's rural families and working lands. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Colorado State Grange support a one year pause in wolf translocation into Colorado and the Grange joins the 27 organizations in that support.

AG #3 LAND DEVELOPMENT

Whereas; Water is a critical part of any housing development plan, and

Whereas; Some areas are challenged for water, and

Whereas: some areas are also short on appropriate land to be developed, therefore be it:

Resolved; that local Granges and the State Grange voice their concern to the proper authorities when they see transgression on water or land being considered for development that obviously is not suited for development.

EHEW #1

Religious Literature in Schools

1. **Whereas;** the U.S. Constitution first amendment allows to respect religion and the free exercise thereof, and
2. **Whereas;** historically literature including the Bible has been available in all public schools and is no longer available, in some, therefore be it
3. **Resolved;** that the Colorado State Grange support all religious literature being allowed in all public schools.

Budget #1 Dues Increase

Whereas, dues are the lifeblood of the Grange on all levels, and

Whereas, at the present time the minimum dues collected from members of the Granges in Colorado are \$38, of this amount, \$14 is remitted to the National Grange and \$24 is retained by the Colorado State Grange, and

Whereas, the National Grange delegates will vote on a resolution that was introduced at the 2024 National Grange annual session which will increase the annual dues remitted to the National Grange to \$20 per member per year effective January 1, 2026, if approved, and

Whereas, this is the first dues increase in 10 years, and

Whereas, Grange Insurance Association (GIA) supportive payments to Granges in the western region are being discontinued starting January 1, 2026, and

Whereas, the GIA supportive payment has been \$16,000 annually which represents 19% of the budgeted revenue of the Colorado State Grange, and

Whereas, to cover the increase in dues to the National Grange and to recover some of the loss revenue from GIA, now Therefore Be It

Resolved, the Colorado State Grange institute a dues increase of \$10 to be paid by all fraternal and affiliate members of the Colorado State Grange making total dues paid by members to \$48, and Therefore Be It

Resolved, dues for Gold Sheaf members will remain as stated in the By-Laws of the Colorado State Grange.

GOTO #1

Mature Custodial Funds Grant Resolution

Whereas, the Colorado State Grange holds custodial funds from local Granges that have sold their buildings, and

Whereas, according to the National Grange Digest (4.12.1 A and B), such custodial funds become the property of the State Grange when a local Grange has relinquished its charter and is not reorganized within seven years, and

Whereas, these mature custodial funds can be used to support existing Granges through capital improvement projects, now therefore be it

Resolved that the Colorado State Grange Executive Committee establish and administer a grant program utilizing these mature custodial funds to provide financial assistance to active Granges for capital improvements and encourage those Granges receiving Grant funds to repay to the best of their ability funds received.

GOTO #2

Amending of National Grange Digest Regarding Interest Earned on Custodial Accounts

Whereas the National Grange 2025 National Digest (Article XI - SALE, ENCUMBRANCE OR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY OR INSURANCE SETTLEMENTS AND CLAIMS OF SUBORDINATE OR POMONA GRANGES 4.11.1 (I) states:

All earned income derived from such custodial account shall be the property of the selling Subordinate or Pomona Grange, provided, however, that the said State Grange in its sole discretion may be paid up to ten percent (10%) of such earned income as a custodial fee for administering the custodial account.

Whereas many State Granges struggle financially and

Whereas the Grange Insurance Association is eliminating their financial contribution to State Granges and

Whereas the State Granges are currently entitled to a 10% administrative fee on these custodial accounts and

Whereas the State Granges can only use 10% of the interest earned on these custodial accounts for State Grange operational needs and

Whereas many Grange states can benefit greatly financially if they could use the interest earned on these custodial accounts for their operational needs; now therefore be it

Resolved that the National Grange Digest Article XI 4.11.1 (I) be amended to read:

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INCOME				
Bonding: Subordinate/Pomona	\$896	\$700	\$70	\$800
Dividends & interest	\$1	\$2	\$	\$
Convention assessment	\$900	\$900	\$420	\$900
Convention meals	\$1,816	\$1,900	\$986	\$1,600
Corporate contributions	\$8,004	\$1,000	\$125	\$200
Degree fees	\$6	\$15	\$	
Dues: Subordinate/Pomona	\$33,547	\$27,000	\$24,630	\$40,000
Dues: Nat'l Grange supporting	\$18,795	\$14,250	\$14,096	
Investment transfer	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$47,502
Items for sale	\$27	\$	\$5	
Miscellaneous income	\$1,560	\$	\$500	\$500
TOTAL INCOME	\$85,552	\$55,767	\$47,832	\$91,502
EXPENSE				
BUSINESS EXPENSES				
Bonding (State)	\$75	\$50	\$	\$87
Bonding (Subordinate/Pomona)	\$896	\$700	\$	\$800
Business registration fees	\$10	\$60	\$25	\$25
Insurance (liability, D & O)	\$2,081	\$2,100	\$2,329	\$2,400
Payroll taxes (CSG responsibility)	\$3,434	\$3,060	\$2,202	\$3,060
Other business expenses	\$50	\$	\$94	\$50
Total Business Expense	\$6,546	\$5,970	\$4,650	\$6,422
CONTRACT SERVICES				
Accounting	\$	\$1,000	\$	\$2,000
Equipment rent, maint., purchase	\$661	\$1,000	\$58	\$1,000
Legal	\$	\$	\$	\$1,000
Total Contract Services	\$661	\$2,000	\$58	\$4,000
OFFICE EXPENSE				
Printing & copying	\$422	\$	\$	\$200
Postage & shipping	\$297	\$350	\$198	\$350
Supplies	\$186	\$3,000	\$9	\$400
Telephone/telecommunication	\$1,922	\$1,200	\$909	\$1,400
Total Office Expense	\$2,827	\$4,550	\$1,116	\$2,350
OTHER EXPENSES				
Colorado Granger	\$11,407	\$12,000	\$6,751	\$8,000
Donations within Grange	\$864	\$200	\$1,393	\$1,400
Donations outside Grange	\$500	\$	\$500	\$500
Dues & subscriptions	\$300	\$	\$	\$300
National Grange dues	\$13,710	\$9,200	\$9,622	\$20,000

National convention assessment	\$981	\$981	\$964	\$900
Total Other Expenses	\$27,762	\$22,381	\$19,230	\$31,100
PROGRAM EXPENSES				
Community Service Committee	\$225	\$450	\$	\$450
Executive Committee	\$	\$100	\$	\$100
Family Activities Committee	\$359	\$600	\$	\$600
Junior Grange activities	\$95	\$250	\$183	\$250
Lecturer activities	\$241	\$650	\$166	\$650
Legislative Committee	\$	\$200	\$	\$100
Membership Committee	\$	\$800	\$	\$800
Public Relations Committee	\$	\$100	\$	\$100
Youth Committee	\$	\$400	\$	\$400
Total Program Expenses	\$920	\$3,550	\$349	\$3,450
SALARIES				
State Master	\$12,890	\$12,890	\$8,593	\$12,890
State Secretary	\$20,490	\$20,490	\$13,660	\$20,490
Total Salaries	\$33,380	\$33,380	\$22,253	\$33,380
TRAVEL & MEETINGS				
CSG session officers:				
Lodging	\$1,650	\$4,000	\$350	\$4,000
Travel	\$2,035	\$2,300	\$318	\$3,000
Supplies	\$14	\$	\$	\$200
Master's Nat'l convention expenses	\$1,555	\$2,100	\$912	\$1,600
Other travel & meeting expense	\$7,809	\$	\$1,642	\$2,000
Total Travel & Meetings	\$13,063	\$8,400	\$3,222	\$10,800
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES				
	\$	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$85,159	\$80,231	\$50,878	\$91,502
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$393	-\$24,464	-\$3,046	\$