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Dear Grange Member,

In less than ONE MONTH the National Grange 150th Annual Convention will begin. Will you be there and part of our history?

Food Safety and Security in Focus for Grange

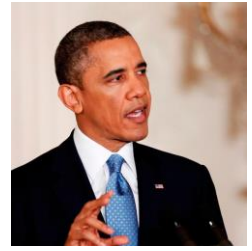


The National Grange submitted an application on October 3 for a large grant from the MacArthur Foundation. The grant is awarded to solve a major problem in the world, and we chose food safety/security. As a grassroots organization with a basis in agriculture, this is a topic we felt we could help solve. [READ MORE](#)

Op-Ed: Rural America Strong, Resilient, Inspiring

I've spent most of my life living in big cities. But the truth is, a lot of what's shaped me came from my grandparents who grew up on the prairie in Kansas. They taught me the kind of values that don't always make headlines, let alone the daily back-and-forth in Washington. Honesty and responsibility. Hard work and toughness against adversity. Keeping your word, and giving back to your community. And treating folks with respect, even if you disagree with them.

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Some Reflections Before I Go



This will be the last article that I write for you as your National Grange Leadership Membership Director. In August, I began a new journey pursuing a Master's Degree at Oklahoma State University in Agriculture Economics, and I will be unable to continue serving you, our members effectively as your Membership/Leadership Director. [READ MORE](#)

Come See the New Convention Showcase

With less than a month until the historic 150th Annual National Grange Convention begins in Herndon, VA, we are finalizing some terrific displays and presenters for the 2016 Showcase, formally called the Idea Fair & Best of Show. See the various displays of Grange talent, ranging from quilted items and photos, to exhibits of excellent programming as part of the Best of the States display. [READ MORE](#)



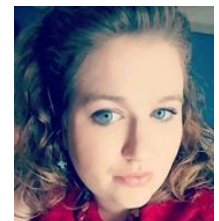
Guest Editorial: Some First-Year Thoughts



As the first year of my term has come to a close it is interesting to note some of the things that have need attention this year. In talking to many brothers and sisters it has been noted that there are many concerns and questions that need to be answered. [READ MORE](#)

Ready to Make History, but Some Still in Need

I'm OK now, but I wasn't. In late August, I was very excited to get the official email stating I had been selected for the 2016 Communications Fellows Program at the 150th National Grange Session. What could be more exciting than taking part in such a big - I mean big - event for Grange? And not just going to convention, but really getting elbows-deep into what is Grange history in the making. [READ MORE](#)



America's Broken Budget Process



The Committee for a Responsible Budget is a non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to educate the public on issues with significant fiscal policy impact. The Committee's bipartisan leadership includes many past heads of the House and Senate Budget Committees, Congressional Budget Office, Office of Management and Budget, General Accounting Office and the Federal Reserve. [READ MORE](#)

National Grange Seeking Brief Stories, Photos, Showing Grange in Action

As we prepare to enter our 150th Year, it is more important than ever to show the amazing things Granges are doing across the nation. Pictures with lengthy captions are a great way to illustrate Granges in action, and we hope you'll consider submitting them by email to communications@nationalgrange.org in a timely fashion so they can be used to encourage Grange growth and solidify the relevance of Grange in the 21st century to those outside our Order. [READ MORE](#)



Try at Techy Scavenger Hunt!



Get acquainted games can be tough during state sessions. It's an action packed schedule with limited break times. But don't let a busy schedule limit the chance to connect youth and create interactions. One idea is a geocache scavenger hunt. [READ MORE](#)

Music Kit Makes Grange Songs Available to All

We understand that many Granges no longer have a piano or pianist, but know how important music is to meetings and members. Now there's a solution! The MUSIC KIT includes all you need to enjoy great Grange music at your functions. [READ MORE](#)



Discovery: Insights to Ponder



The discovery of agriculture was the first big step toward a civilized life. - *Arthur Keith*

The beginning of knowledge is the discovery of something we don't understand. - *Frank Herbert* [READ MORE](#)

Sesquicentennial Celebration Coin Available Pre-Order

Pre-order and save on these 2.25" in diameter heavy brushed nickel 150th Anniversary challenge coins. Place your order by Nov. 4 and receive one of these limited edition coins for only \$20. You can also order 7 coins for \$140 by Nov. 4 and get one free in honor of our 8 founders! [READ MORE](#)



Got Talent? Coming to Convention?



Can you sing or play an instrument? Will you attend the 150th Annual National Grange Convention? If so, please contact Melanie Bostwick at grangesecretary@gmail.com. Introduce yourself and let her know your musical talent!. [READ MORE](#)

On the Lookout

The National Grange has had several requests in the past year to provide a copy or information from the 1928 pamphlet "Grange Hall Suggestions." Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate a copy or original edition of the publication at our headquarters or through the interlibrary loan service offered nationally. [READ MORE](#)



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