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For just a few dollars a year in membership dues,
each of us has benefited exponentially more than
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our Brothers and Sisters of the Order and from the
programs, activities, leadership opportunities, and
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Membership dues are kept low so we do not exclude
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This holiday season, consider your part in the
Grange family and the value of your affiliation and
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More than 125 people joined to celebrate our milestone anniversary at the 150th Birthday Gala in Washington, D.C., on December 4.

Grange shines at 150th Birthday Gala

BETSY E. HUBER
National Master

The 150th birthday National Grange Gala was fantastic and a complete success, thanks to the hard work and attention to detail of our staff.

About 125 sponsors, friends, and Grangers attended the reception and elegant dinner on December 4th at the historic Decatur House, appropriately right next door to our headquarters with music at the reception before dinner by our very own members, Keith Ashley, who holds membership in West Virginia and Ohio, and Jenn Nauss, from Pennsylvania. Nauss is the 2017-18 National Grange Outstanding Young Patron.

We were very honored to have present two of our honorees for the National Grange Champion of Rural America Award, Senator Susan Collins, Maine, and Senator Debbie Stabenow, Michigan. They were so pleased to be recognized by the Grange and spoke very highly of our organization and its work. Congressmen



North Carolina State Grange Assistant Stewart Raymond Hayes and his son, Trey, a Junior Grange member, along with several other members from North Carolina, attended the event. The State Grange was one of the event sponsors at the Patron level.

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National President Betsy Huber, Michigan State Grange President Christopher Johnston, Senator Debbie Stabenow (MI), Senator Susan Collins (ME), immediate Past President of Maine State Grange Rick Grotton and USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Director Sonny Ramaswamy pause for a photo during the reception at the 150th Birthday Gala for the National Grange on Monday, December 4, at the Historic Decatur House in Washington, D.C.



Rep. Collin Peterson, Minnesota's 7th District, and chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, received his award the week prior to the gala in his office due to a conflict in his schedule. National President Betsy Huber along with Legislative Director Burton Eller and Communications and Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios were on hand for the presentation and took time to discuss Grange priorities with Peterson.

GALA

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Greg Walden, Oregon, and Collin Peterson, Minnesota, were present on video since their awards were presented the week before in their offices.

The evening also featured a silent auction and closed out with a live auction with our own Joe Stefenoni as auctioneer. The auctions raised nearly \$7,000 for the Grange Foundation, and the dinner netted over \$70,000 for the National Grange treasury.

There were many comments that the Gala should be an annual event, but we are not committing to that right now! Overall it was a beautiful, elegant event fitting for our 150th birthday.

Have a wonderful Christmas season with your family and friends



National President Betsy Huber also presented Rep. Greg Walden of Oregon's 2nd Congressional District with his award the week prior to the gala because of a conflict in his schedule on December 4. Lifeline was one of the major legislative topics Huber, Grange Legislative Director Burton Eller and Grange Communications and Development Director Amanda Brozana Rios discussed during the visit with Walden.



Among the evening's attendees was Loretta Sanchez (standing third from the right), a former U.S. Representative from California.

Junior Pen Pal program unveiled

By Samantha Wilkins

How fun is it to meet new Grangers from across the US. But what happens when we meet them at a National, Regional, or State Event? Do we keep in contact with them? Or do we just hope that we will get to see them the following year at another Grange event?

Well it is time to help solve that. It is time to build Junior Grange relationships across the nation! By implementing the new Pen Pal Program we will be working to promote Grange health, developing and bettering handwriting skills, and making use of the United States Postal Service.

To Sign up for the Pen Pal Program and be matched with another Junior from around the United States.

You can sign up online at

<https://form.jotform.com/73224004495148>

or by sending the following information to me by email at junior@nationalgrange.org or mail to Samantha Wilkins, National Junior Grange Director, 21578 Pleasanton Road, San Antonio, TX 78264.

A: Your name

B: Age

C. Grange Name

D. State

E. Mailing address

Ambassador impresses 150th Gala attendees



2017 National Junior Grange Ambassador Jomni Tarbell (NY) and New York State Grange President and newly installed National Executive Board member Steve Coxe attended the gala, talking to sponsors and legislators about all facets of the Grange.

DECEMBER MERIT BADGE SPOTLIGHT

Earn Special Recognition by earning the following Badges during the month of December!

Once your Junior has completed either of the badges and an order has been placed for the badge email Samantha at Junior@nationalgrange.org so that you can be recognized for your achievement!

If your Juniors have promoted Grange in any way over the holiday season this Badge is for you.

To earn the **Public Display (GA10)** badge you must:

1. Help Create and set up a public window display, bulletin board, fair booth, or display etc, that promotes the Junior Grange in your community.

With the holiday season among us this is a time that we focus on Family, let your Junior take on the task of earning their family badge by planning an activity for your family and creating an activity to do.

To earn the **Family (DN1)** badge you must:

1. Make a plan to help each member of your family with a chore or a task.
2. Draw a picture of your family.
3. Plan a special activity for your family that does not cost anything.
4. Share what you did with your Junior leader.

Long-standing partner gets makeover

For many, Dogs for the Deaf has been a great organization to which their Grange has donated over the years.

However, as of November 1, Dogs for The Deaf is no more. The organization remains but with a makeover, rebranded as Dogs for Better Lives.

A new video about the organization and continued opportunities for partnership is available. We encourage you to use this as a new tool to get members involved with Dogs for Better Lives.

This video is available online to all Granges and Grange members and is approximately 2 minutes in length. This video can be found at

<https://vimeo.com/237404571/abe603574f>

During the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in November, Michelle Erwin, Media & Outreach Specialist for Dogs for Better Lives, and Monica Schuster, Marketing & Communications Specialist for the organization, spoke during the community service workshop.

The two long-standing partner organizations have



Providing Assistance Dogs Since 1977

built even greater bonds thanks to a shared face. 2016-17 National Grange Youth Ambassador Shannon Ruso has volunteered to be an ambassador for the Dogs for Better Lives and you may soon see information coming from her to Granges about the organization, its mission and positive impact for people and dogs that work through this organization.

For more information on Dogs for Better Lives please visit www.dogsforbetterlives.org or call Michelle Erwin (541) 826-9220. ext. 347.



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Like people, Granges can benefit from ‘preventative health screenings,’ too

Amanda Brozana Rios

Communications & Development Director

As part of the package of information provided to National Officers and State Presidents at the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in November, a questionnaire that serves as the “Grange Month” survey was included. This survey allows you to assess the “health” of your Grange and determine specific areas for improvement. Over the next few weeks, we expect to request from each state how they wish to receive information from this survey - a direct copy mailed to their State headquarters or an officer or director of the State Grange or an electronic aggregate of information for each Grange who participates from their state provided by National Grange.

The results of these surveys will allow National Grange to better understand resources that can be developed to assist current Subordinate, Pomona and State Granges and can be used by States in a variety of ways, from membership outreach and assistance to programming and mentorship opportunities.

The one-page health survey will be available as part of the January newsletter and may be

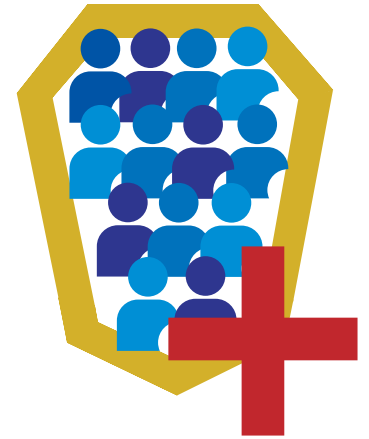
available earlier in January through your state Grange.

On the front, there are simple questions you are asked to answer “yes” or “no” and from those answers a total

score should tell you your general health score. On the back, a few optional questions appear that will allow you to reflect on your Grange meetings, your Grange Month and Sesquicentennial celebrations and who helps to hold your Grange together.

We hope each of the details you share with us can be used to strengthen your Grange and our services to you and our fellow Brothers and Sisters across the nation - part of our Grange family today or who will join in the years to come.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this project and look forward to more details about this tool in the upcoming editions of Patron’s Chain.



QUICK NOTE

We have a wonderful partnership growing with Mike Warner at the New Grange Store by Monroe Classic. We appreciate everyone that has purchased from our partner as National Grange benefits from this program.

As you are planning and gearing up for various Grange activities and events for 2018, please remember to contact our partner Mike Warner at the New Grange Store by Monroe Classic for not only store items but also custom printed items you may need. Feel free to contact Mike at 800-868-2330 or email him at sales@monroeclassic.com

To see all the new items in stock and learn more, go to www.promoplace.com/grange/



More than 300 blocks were submitted as part of the 2017 National Lecturer's Quilt Block Contest and displayed during the Great American Handicraft and Quilt Expo in the Showcase room of the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in Spokane in November. The 2018 contest block pattern has been announced.

Lecturer's round-up and preview

Brothers and Sisters,

The 151st annual session of the National Grange is in the books. I am honored to have been given the opportunity to continue working as your National Lecturer, and am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for the Grange at all levels.

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to each and every one of you that encouraged, assisted with, donated to, or participated in a Lecturer's program or contest in 2017 – what an amazing year!

2017 Quilt Block Contest – an amazing 331 Garden Path quilt blocks were made and donated to The Grange Foundation – a 1,000% increase over 2016! Each of these blocks will find their way into quilts and other items to be sold to support The Grange Foundation. Thank you to all who participated! The adult winners were: 1st Place – Joan Roberson (WA); 2nd Place – Eva O'Connell (CT); and 3rd Place – Nettie Kauffman (PA). The junior winners were: 1st Place – Jerzey Jette (MT); 2nd Place – Valerie Soliz (TX); and 3rd Place – Alena Soliz (TX).

A special thank you to certified quilting judge



Joanne Fortier of Idaho who tirelessly judged every quilt block and provided invaluable insight for bettering this program for the future. The 2018 Quilt Block is Tender Heart – thanks to the Missouri Star Quilt

Company for so graciously sharing this block. The 2018 Quilt Block Contest information sheet and entry form are attached to this newsletter. Please read the information sheet carefully as we have changed a few of the rules. The Tender Heart block was chosen in the spirit of love, healing and friendship and my hope is that you will enjoy this block and embrace the spirit it embodies.

The Great American Quilt + Handicraft Expo – I can't say thank you enough to all of you who donated your handcrafted items to support The Grange Foundation. A special thanks to Sister Bonnie Mitson of Mica Flats Grange #436 (ID)

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On Wednesday, Nov. 8, 10 Grange veterans were presented Quilts of Valor during the evening work session of the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in Spokane.

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for taking on this event and making it a winner! Between sales of the Dresden Plate quilt raffle tickets and the donated handcrafted items, over \$8,000 was raised for The Grange Foundation. We will once again be raffling a quilt, and maybe more, and will have the tickets and information out to the states by the middle of June 2018.

Evening of Excellence – the 2017 Evening of Excellence included twelve (12) Best of Show acts from their respective State Granges and truly was an Evening of Excellence. Congratulations to each for a wonderful performance. The Audience Choice winners were: Vocal – Josh Harper (CA); Instrumental – Eric Sable (WA); and Variety – Joe Wrabek (OR). Please begin planning now to be a part of this wonderful show in Stowe, Vermont next November.

Photography Showcase – the 2017 Photography Showcase featured adult Best of Show entries from 25 states and junior Best of Show entries from 7 states. The adult winners were: 1st Place – Ashley Sears (RI); 2nd Place – Charles Bierce

(CT); and 3rd Place – Mitchell Nutter (OK). The junior winners were: 1st Place – Payton Simmons (WA); 2nd Place – Harley Smith (MT); and 3rd Place – Sarah Brunner (FL). The adult division of the Photography Showcase will continue for 2018 and the junior division will transfer to the National Junior Grange Department.

Lecturer's Program in a Box – the 2017 Lecturer's Program in a Box contest had just one entry. Congratulations to Suzy Ramm (OR) for earning 1st Place for her great program on the Super Bowl. The Lecturer's Program in a Box contest will not be continued in 2018, however, I will be continuing to search for methods and means of providing Lecturers at all levels with fresh ideas and options for programming. Please let me know if you have ideas!

Quilts of Valor Foundation – Awesome. Inspiring. Emotional. I heard these three words over and over from those of us fortunate enough to be present on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 for the Quilts of Valor presentation during the evening session of the National Grange. We

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had the opportunity to witness the presentation of Quilts of Valor to 10 veterans and Grange members who were present and were wrapped in their custom-made Quilt of Valor. The presentation performed by Diane Watters, Eastern Washington coordinator for the Quilts of Valor Foundation and her assistants, was beautifully done and didn't leave a dry eye in the house.

I am already working to see that this program is continued next year in Stowe, Vermont and I know that Diane has already reached out to her counterpart in Vermont to lay the groundwork. I will be making contact with those of you in the Northeast to submit names of Grange members who are veterans or active-duty, who have not already received a Quilt of Valor from the Quilts of Valor Foundation and who can be present in Stowe so we can get each registered and quilts can be made for the presentation. It is not too early to begin this process now.

I will be sharing additional information regarding the Quilts of Valor Foundation (QoVF) in the next couple of months – information on how your Grange can contribute to and support your

local QoVF chapter, how to register a veteran for recognition and more exciting opportunities!

2018 National Citizenship Initiative - National Weather Service – I will be sharing detailed information in the next month regarding the 2018 National Citizenship Initiative with the National Weather Service (NWS). As this past year especially proved, all of us can be affected by weather and weather-related emergencies. An initiative between the Grange and the National Weather Service makes good sense – it is timely and relevant regardless of a Grange's location or size. It is also a marvelous partnership for getting young people involved in community service, for getting older people involved in technology and for the Grange to continue, in the words of the NWS, to Be A Force of Nature – Ready, Responsive and Resilient.

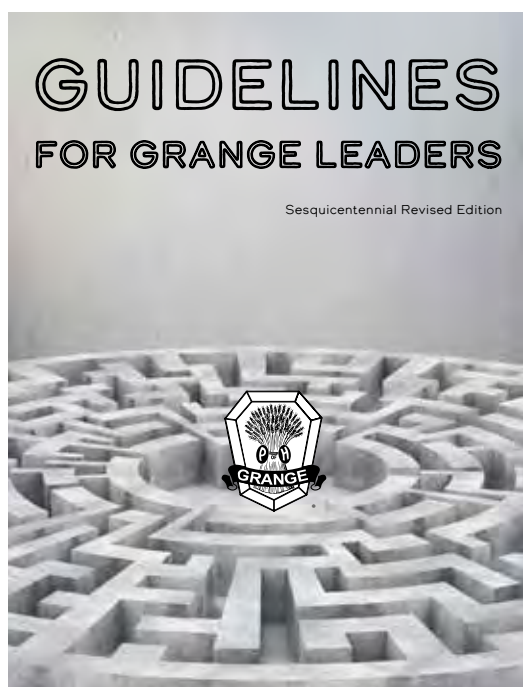
For additional information, I can be reached by Email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org or by phone at 509.953.3533 (voice or text).

Be a DO·er!

Faternally yours,



Christine E. Hamp
Lecturer, National Grange



SUPPLY STORE

NEW ITEM!

Guidelines for Grange Leaders
(Sesquicentennial Revised Edition)

\$6 plus shipping

Item: 465 – The purpose of this book is to define and describe the duties and responsibilities of Pomona and Subordinate Master, Lecturers, Secretaries and appointed committees. This book is meant to assist in carrying out duties and responsibilities. Sesquicentennial Revised Edition was edited by Betsy E. Huber, National Master.



2018 Quilt Block Contest

RULES

- A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to both members and prospective members.
- B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2018**. Send entries to:

Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026
- C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 152nd National Grange convention in Stowe, Vermont.
- D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.
- F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and will be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. You will receive a donation letter from the Grange Foundation acknowledging your donation.
- G. A 2018 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both Groups.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entries.



2018 Quilt Block Contest

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: ☐ Non-Member: ☐

Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

☐ - Group I (Age 14+)

☐ - Group II (Age 13 and under)

All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2018.

The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

Please make as many blocks as you wish, but only one contest entry per person.

Each contest entry must have a completed Entry Form.

Mail entries to:

Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
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2018 Quilt Block Contest

Tender Heart

(Credit to: Missouri Star Quilt Company)

Sherbet Pinks / Oranges - 4 colors, 2 light and 2 dark – prints or solids

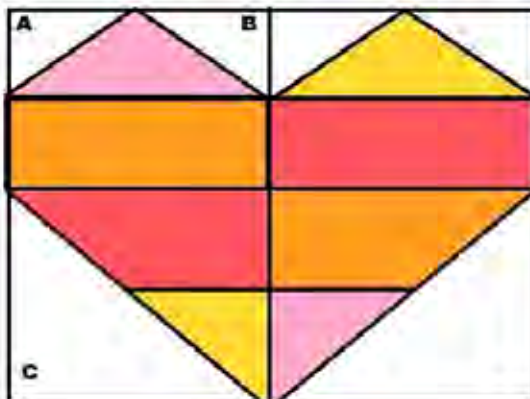
- Cut 4 strips, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" (one of each color).
- Sew strips together (ALL seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ "), along the long side, to make a strip set.
- Strip set should measure $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10". Press all seams.
- Cut strip set in half, length-wise, to make 2 rectangles. Each rectangle should measure 5" x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Flip one rectangle around so colors are reversed.

White

- Use 100% cotton, solid white for the corners.
- Cut 4 squares, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Cut 2 squares, 5" x 5".

Constructing the Quilt Block:

- Fold the four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line.
- Place a creased $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white square on one corner of a 5" x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " strip-pieced rectangle with right sides facing. Stitch on the sewing line, then trim the excess fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn seam (A).
- Repeat for the adjacent side of the rectangle (B). Make 2 and sew them together vertically.
- Fold the two 5" white squares once on the diagonal and press the crease to mark a sewing line (C).
- Place a creased 5" white square on top of one lower corner of the block with right sides facing. Stitch on the marked sewing line, then trim the excess fabric $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn seam.
- Repeat for the other side of the rectangle to make the bottom of the heart.
- Unfinished Block is $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $9\frac{1}{2}$ ".



1 in 1,000 Club of the Grange Foundation



Only 1,000 numbered lifetime memberships for the 1 in 1,000 Club will be available for a one-time buy-in of \$1,000 each. All funds raised will be used for the good of the Order. Individuals may make a pledge to hold a space (provided the maximum of 1,000 memberships has not already been attained), but will not be provided a member number until their final payment is received. Membership is for individuals and groups. We apologize in advance, however, upon advice of nonprofit professionals and legal advisors, couple and family memberships are not available. Established, autonomous Groups (such as State Grange Foundations or non-Grange organizations) or local or State Granges are eligible for membership with special requirements.

When the member passes away, the membership may be first made available to an individual designated by the late Club member, but will require a "renewal" payment of \$1,000 in order to keep the membership number. Should the designated individual wish not to renew the membership, it will be offered to the person at the top of the waiting list (or general membership if 1,000 are not already assigned). Autonomous Groups, or local and State Granges who wish to hold membership in the Club will require a renewal payment of \$1,000 every 10 years in order to keep their membership.

Members will receive a special pin and certificate and be entitled to invitation-only events throughout the year and during National Convention.

This form reserves your place in the 1 in 1,000 Club. You will be provided full paperwork to complete the full and proper transaction of the donation including documents related to deductibility for your tax profession. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE NONPROFIT, CHARITABLE Grange Foundation.

INDIVIDUAL/GROUP NAME: _____

Address: _____

IF APPLICABLE: My primary membership is held in _____

Grange # _____, _____(state).

Email (and/or phone): _____

I anticipate: _____ Paying one lump sum (net 60 at the time of invoice).

_____ Making payments equaling a total of \$1,000 within 12 months.

SIGNATURE: _____

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Final Payment Date: _____

Member #: _____



APRIL 15-18, 2018

Plan to take action!

Set your 2018 travel schedule to include a trip to **Washington, D.C.**, for the National Grange Legislative Fly-In during our **sesquicentennial celebration year**.

Join Brothers and Sisters from around the nation to **promote Grange policy priorities and get advocacy training** so you can better present your community's concerns to elected officials and their staff.

Our schedule includes **issues briefings, agency meetings, and Hill appointments** to meet with our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The Fly-In is one of the greatest ways members can **engage in our advocacy and remind legislators and regulators of the unique grassroots way in which our policy is developed**. Participants help tell the story of an organization still relevant and vibrant that speaks from America's hometowns.

Event Hotel
Quality Inn Tysons Corner
1587 Spring Hill Rd., Vienna, VA

Proclaim Grange's great Legacy in 2018!

In October, National Grange President Betsy Huber issued two proclamations that can be used to celebrate our organization's 150th Anniversary. We encourage EVERY Grange in the Nation to adopt the first proclamation during a regular business meeting in December or anytime in 2018 as a way to excite members and bring them into the celebration. Once you do, email info@nationalgrange.org with your Grange's name and the date of the proclamation so you may be included in our list of entities observing the Grange's sesquicentennial celebration.

The second proclamation can be printed and provided to local municipal leaders, state leaders or other governing bodies so that they may declare a Grange Day, Week or Month or otherwise recognize 150 years of service by the Grange to their community and our nation. Once they do, please let us know (and don't forget to invite the media to recognize the Grange Day/Week/Month proclamation event so your whole community can celebrate, too!

We encourage every Grange to take part in the sesquicentennial celebration in numerous ways, but especially by providing resources to their government leaders so that the Grange may be recognized around the country during this milestone anniversary.

Find both proclamations at the back of this newsletter.

FUN-draiser

During the 151st Annual National Grange Convention in Spokane, National Lecturer Chris Hamp unveiled challenge coins as a fundraiser for the department, through the Grange Foundation, and a way to celebrate the DO-ers of the Grange.

There are a limited number of the 250 coins remaining to be sold. These beautiful, American-made coins make great thank you gifts for speakers/presenters or awards for Grangers of the year, besides being a must-have for all Patrons. Don't get caught without a challenge coin in your pocket. Get your order in today!

Coins measure 1-1/2" and are \$20, plus shipping.

Order your challenge coins by contacting National Lecturer Chris Hamp at (509) 953-3533 voice/text or by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org.



Celebration of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary Of Our Order

WHEREAS, The Grange celebrates its 150th birthday throughout the years 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America during three centuries, advocating for legislative protection for farmers through the Granger Laws in the 1800s; promoting research and education to improve agriculture through the Cooperative Extension Service and Land Grant Colleges and working to expand mail delivery and electricity to rural areas in the 1900s; and encouraging the expansion of broadband internet service in the 2000s; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active force in thousands of communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange provides leadership, motivation, and education to bring together rural and urban families and offers them opportunities for personal growth and individual expression; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, The Grange promotes service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, Master of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim the year beginning December 4, 2017 as the Grange Sesquicentennial Celebration, and further I do encourage the participation of each Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange history and legacy by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in their respective communities.



President, National Grange

Celebration of the National Grange's Sesquicentennial Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Grange, founded on December 4, 1867, is celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary in 2017-18; and

WHEREAS, the Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America over the course of three centuries,

WHEREAS the outcomes of Grange advocacy are felt by nearly every American today, from the protections afforded consumers that grew out of the Granger Laws to the establishment of Rural Free Delivery of mail and expansion of electricity to rural areas, the creation of the cooperative extension service and land grant colleges to the widening access to broadband internet service; and

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WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that _____, in recognition of the legacy and service of the Grange and Grange members across the nation and the world over a century and a half, proclaims _____
Grange _____.



National Grange Building Fund Pledge Form

We are dedicated to the preservation of our place and distinction as the only privately held building in the federal block around the White House. As many of you know, this summer the chiller unit in our headquarters building suffered a complete and catastrophic failure and the price tag to purchase and install a new unit has topped \$1 million. This is the most pressing, but not the only needed renovation or replacements item for our building. Our boiler unit is past its intended lifespan, our windows are not energy efficient and must be replaced and much of our building is dated and unattractive to some potential tenants.

Because rental income from the building makes up a large portion of our organization's operating revenue, it is important that we maintain our headquarters so that we may continue our good work as a national organization. Please show your Grange pride, and make a pledge to donate. All contributions will be recognized. Please complete the form below and send to National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, ATTN: Building Fund.

Name _____ Grange Name, # _____

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