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MASTER'S MESSAGE

STILL TIME TO DECIDE TO ATTEND NATIONAL SESSION

BY BETSY E. HUBER

National Grange President

The weather here in DC is still in the 60s and 70s so it is hard to believe we are past mid-October and only two weeks away from National Grange Convention! Advance registration has closed, but you can still register on-site at the DoubleTree Bloomington-Minneapolis South, November 5-9. It's

not too late to decide to attend!

Twenty-one out of our 33 State Granges hold their State Sessions in October, so it's really a busy time for most Grangers—the wrap-up of the year's activities and a new beginning. Let's all pledge to make an extra effort to work for the Grange in the new year—increase activity, increase publicity, increase membership.

Our theme of "Grange Heroes in our Hometowns" is ending—although our heroic work is not—and we will have a new theme for 2020. I'm keeping it a secret until my Master's Address on November 5th, so be sure to tune in to Facebook Live or watch your email to see what the new theme will be. It's a good one!

LAST CALL FOR LECTERER'S CONTESTS, ITEMS

Hello fellow Grange members and friends!

We have crested the middle of October hill and are sliding down the back side to November and straight into our 153rd annual convention in Bloomington, Minnesota. If you intend to participate, and I do hope you will, it is time to get a move on.

- ☒ Quilt Blocks sewn and mailed
- ☒ Public Relations Contest items emailed
- ☒ Mercantile donations mailed or ready to hand-deliver
- ☒ Paperwork for Evening of Excellence participants completed and mailed/emailed
- ☒ Form for States' Photography Showcase entry completed and mailed/emailed



Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance in finding the guidelines and/or forms. Thank you for your commitment to making Grange great!

Christine Hamp, Lecturer
The National Grange



National Grange Fly-In 2020

First in the Nation Primary



TENTATIVE DATES: FEBRUARY 7-9, 2020
MANCHESTER & CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grangers stay in the state capital of Concord to receive issue briefings and learn about the origins of "First in the Nation" primary and the many early historical events there. Participants then travel to Manchester where all the campaigns will be headquartered.

Grangers will have the opportunity to work on the campaign or campaigns of their choice for a day, then visit the headquarters for national and international media which will be reporting on the candidates.

These dates are tentative until New Hampshire officially announces what we currently expect to be their voting date: February 11. Fun fact: If another state happens to announce an earlier date for their primary, New Hampshire can set their vote earlier in order to remain first in the nation.

WORTH READING

Impact of U.S. foreign aid at home 'too often overlooked'

An op-ed recently published in Agri-Pulse, written by Peter McPherson, who serves as the President of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, addressed the issue of foreign aid and its benefits at home.

McPherson cited a recent study that shows aid that helps build agricultural production capacity of other nations often "sows the seeds of innovation, job creation and economic growth in the United States."

Beyond "innovation spillovers," aid often allows for more money to be spent by those helped in the global marketplace, a boon for the U.S. directly or indirectly, McPherson writes.

Read the full piece at:
bit.ly/2MS1qev



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A close-up photograph of a person's hands, wearing a gold ring, sewing a quilt block. The quilt block has a blue and white pattern. The background is a light blue and white patterned fabric.

**NATIONAL GRANGE
LECTURER'S 2019
QUILT BLOCK CONTEST**

MEN'S DIVISION

Top prizes of \$50 for 1st place,
\$30 for 2nd and \$20 for 3rd

**SEND AN EMAIL TO
LECTURER@NATIONALGRANGE.ORG
FOR CONTEST DETAILS AND ENTRY FORM**

The National Grange logo, which is a yellow shield with a sun in the center and the word "GRANGE" in a blue banner at the bottom.



NATIONAL GRANGE
OF THE ORDER OF PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY



THE GRANGE AND OLIVER THE ORNAMENT TEAM UP TO SPREAD KINDNESS AND RAISE FUNDS

Oliver the Ornament is a seven-book series and related gift line that celebrates the tradition and stories of Christmas ornaments. The main product in the line is a gift-set that includes a hand-painted ornament along with a beautifully illustrated book.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE.

Host your own fundraiser in your community, along with an already created event, titled *Oliver's Day of Kindness*. For details, please contact **Todd Zimmermann**, at **tmz@olivertheornament.com** or at **312-543-4569**.

Visit **www.olivertheornament.com**, and make any purchase. When asked for a promo code enter **Grange**. Then 15% of all purchases will be donated to The Grange.



First Lady, Melania Trump reads Oliver the Ornament at Children's National Hospital, continuing a 70 year tradition



Fox & Friends named Oliver the Ornament as one of their Hottest Toys of 2018

EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

DATE

November 8, 2019

ENTRY

Doors at 6:30 p.m.

Show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Free to all

LOCATION

DoubleTree by Hilton

Bloomington-Minneapolis South

7800 Normandale Blvd

Bloomington, MN



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