

"Changes and transformations are
constantly passing before us."
Lesson of the Second Degree



FULL TEXT OF THE GRANGE OATH OF MEMBERSHIP



The torch is passed from one generation to another as our members from various backgrounds and ages imagine, plan and conduct programs of importance for their hometowns.

New voices and new ideas that allow the Grange to continue a tradition of service to others, personal enrichment for members, nonpartisan advocacy and civility, are always welcome. These should only be moderated in respect to our most foundational principles of faith, hope, charity and fidelity.



In the presence of our Heavenly Father and
these witnesses,

*I do hereby pledge
my sacred honor*

that, whether in or out of the Order, I will never reveal any of the secrets of this Order, nor communicate the ritualistic work of this Order to anyone unless legally authorized to do so.

I further promise to uphold the by-laws of this Grange, and the constitution and by-laws of the State and National Granges. I also promise to uphold the Constitution of the United States and to obey the laws of the land.

I will never propose for membership in the Order nor sanction the admission of anyone I have reason to believe an improper person, nor will I oppose the admission of anyone solely on the grounds of a personal prejudice.

I will not knowingly wrong or defraud a Brother or Sister of the Order or allow it to be done by another if within my power to prevent it. I will endeavor to be a true and faithful Patron of Husbandry, perform the duties enjoined in this Order and aid others in the performance of the same.

Should I knowingly or willfully violate this pledge, I will invoke upon myself suspension or expulsion from the Order.

*Taking the Oath
of Membership*

SAYING YES TO
STEWARDSHIP
OF A STORIED TREASURE
IN YOUR HOMETOWN



Esto Perpetua

The Grange's motto is Esto Perpetua, which translates to "Let it be forever."

When joining the Grange, you commit to its values and ideals, and to act as a steward of that which was built by and for your hometown by some of the greatest community leaders our nation has known.

By taking the oath of membership, you help to write the next chapter in the rich history of the Grange and your hometown. As such, it is your duty to ensure that the work and decisions you and your fellow members make are not for personal gain, but to raise the quality of life in your community and that those decisions will ensure a vibrant organization for tomorrow.



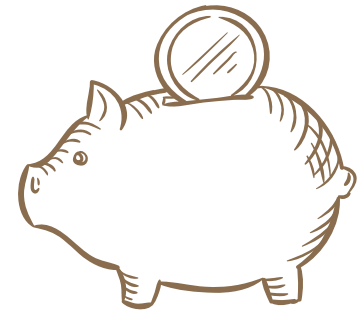
Real Property of the Grange & its Disposition

Grange halls and funds are community assets, to be sure, but each belongs to the Grange organization, in stewardship to chartered local Granges in good standing.

It is our firm belief that local efforts to build treasuries and halls for the benefit of their community should be respected, but these efforts require the Grange structure to be in place to fully execute their use.

Each Grange must encourage new initiatives and projects to remain relevant while guarding against efforts to take control of these assets by individuals or groups who are not committed to the goals of the Grange.

Should a Grange close, the assets revert to the State Grange (or in the case where there is no State Grange, to the National Grange) to be held in trust for seven years. In that time, the State or National Grange is obligated to diligently try to reorganize a Grange in that area so the property can be returned for use by that community for local outreach, service and programs.



Financial obligations & responsible stewardship

National dues help to pay the small staff of the National Grange, fund programming and member experience. Currently, \$14 of your dues go to National Grange annually. Your State Grange provides added services and dues to it help cover the cost of your State Convention and other opportunities for all members.

Finally, your local Grange can, and should, set an additional dues amount that can help with your hall's upkeep, sending delegates to your State Convention, supporting members who wish to develop to their highest potential by taking part in regional and national conferences and other opportunities.

"The chief objective of the Grange is to build a better and higher manhood and womanhood, and to develop a mutual respect and concern through brotherhood."

Introduction of the First Degree