

What are Grange Heirlooms?

Grange traditions and values are our heirlooms – inseparable pieces of our Order passed down over generations. These cornerstones of what it is to be a Grange and Grangers tie us to our roots and the vision of our Founders, while preparing us for success in Grange and our own lives.

Yet many never read our Declaration of Purposes and misunderstand or avoid ritual, which they often see as a barrier to entry, unwelcoming or frivolous. As we perform our degrees less, we become more appealing to new members who are unfamiliar with fraternal work, but we risk losing our identity and the thing that bonds us together. **We know nature "never goes backward" and nor can the Grange, but we must find ways to bridge the gap and make sure the next generations are prepared to inherit the great treasure that is Grange membership.**

The Heirloom Program allows us to do just that – move forward, while retaining, celebrating and imparting our most cherished values through monthly readings and reflections. You can pass on the lessons most important to our Order and know you're preparing the soil for a great crop of new Grangers to continue and carry our organization forward.

How this Program Works

Designed for Granges to take just a few moments to read and reflect on a phrase or sentence from our First Four Degrees, the Installation Ceremony and the Declaration of Purposes, this program provides one reading a month. A total of 60 value passages have been identified and put on a five-year schedule. In this brochure, you will find Year B (2025, 2030, etc.) readings. **We encourage you to keep this program going so members new to the Grange over the next few years will learn the lessons you teach in 2025.**

You may offer this program at any time in your meeting, though we suggest during the "Conferring of Degrees" or "Good of the Order" portion as outlined in your manual. **Any Grange member can be assigned to present the reading and offer a reflection connecting it to everyday life.** They can also create or use a fun activity, such as a cryptogram, provided by National Grange as part of the program to further call attention to the lesson.

Consider posting the monthly reading to your Grange's social media and start a discussion with your community about Grange values. They may see their own reflected there and inquire how to join.

Good luck and have fun reconnecting with and imparting on your membership these essential Grange lessons.

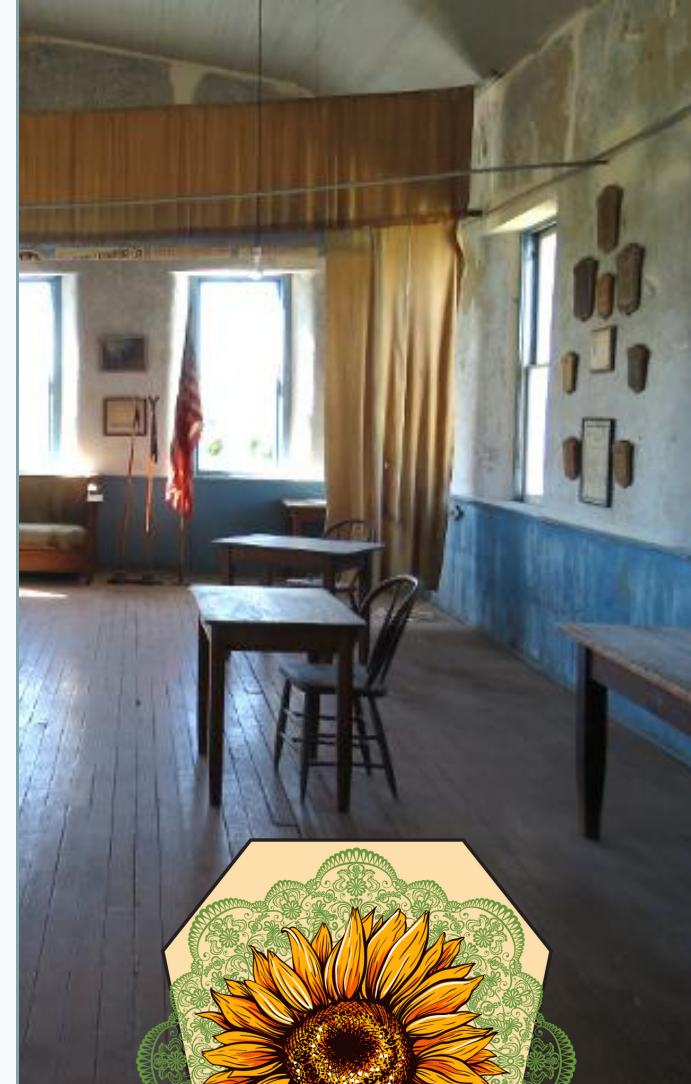
Tell us how it worked

Have you tried using the Heirloom Program in your Grange? If so, email or send a letter to let us know how your discussion went, what you learned and if it has helped connect your membership to one another and the Grange.

If you created an activity for the reading, please send a copy to our National Membership and Leadership Development Director so we may offer it to other Granges for their use. We'd love to share your story with other Granges through our Regional Conferences, social media, magazine and newsletter.

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Year D

To be used in 2025, 2030, etc.

**A Resource to Impart Knowledge
of Essential Grange Values**

Spring

D.1. (March) – “An honest man is the noblest work of God.” (*First Degree; Lecturer*)

D.2. (April) – “Of all the sweeteners of human toil, of all the motive powers that give alacrity to the hand or foot, readiness to the will, and intelligence to mind and purpose, the quickest and most enduring in results is the kind word spoken in season.” (*Installation Ceremony; Installing Officer to Vice President*)

D.3. (May) – “In your intercourse with your fellow beings correct an error kindly, and with the smooth edge of affection, and do not bruise a wound you wish to heal.” (*First Degree; Vice President*)



Summer

D.1 (June) – “Let ‘no fear ... deter you from doing that which is right.’ (*Second Degree; President*)

D.2 (July) – “We must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Patron of Husbandry, gives up that inalienable right and duty which belongs to every American citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of one’s country. On the contrary, it is right for every member to do all in his or her power, legitimately, to influence for good the action of any political party to which he or she belongs. It is reserved by every Patron, as the right of a free citizen to affiliate with any party that will best carry out his or her principles.” (*Grange Declaration of Purposes*)

D.3 (August) – “Do good, hoping for nothing in return, and your reward shall be great. Love one another.” (*Second Degree; Chaplain*)

Autumn

D.1 (September) – “We shall advance the cause of education by all just means within our power.” (*Grange Declaration of Purposes*)

D.2 (October) – “We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth taught in our Constitutional Law, that the Grange—National, State, Pomona, or Subordinate—is not a partisan or party organization. The principles we teach underlie all true statesmanship, and if properly carried out, will tend to purify the whole political atmosphere of our country; for we seek the greatest good to the greatest number.” (*Grange Declaration of Purposes*)

D.3 (November) – “Beware of covetousness; for a man’s life consists not in the abundance of things he possesses, but in the right use of God’s blessings.” (*Third Degree; Chaplain*)

Winter

D.1 (December) – “...especially adorn the family circle with the noble traits of a kind disposition—fill its atmosphere with affection, and thus induce all to love and not to fear you; for love is the only enduring power.” (*Fourth Degree; Vice President*)

D.2 (January) – “For our business interests we desire to bring producer and consumer into the most direct and friendly relations possible, remembering that ‘individual happiness depends upon general prosperity.’” (*Grange Declaration of Purposes*)

D.3 (February) – “In kind words and deeds dispense Charity, as freely as flowers do their perfume...” (*Fourth Degree; Flora*)

