

Sooner State Granger



Master Message—Billy Shufeldt OK State Grange President

Greetings fellow Oklahoma State Grangers and all Grangers across our country. I wish you all best wishes and fruitful State sessions. I hope you all are surviving the summer hot weather; it has been triple digits around here for the last couple months.

Since we last spoke the Oklahoma State Grange hosted the Great Plains Regional Conference on the weekend of July 12th -14th, 2024 at the Native American Fellowship building in South Coffeyville, OK.

We had 40 Grangers from our Region attend and we had some excellent workshops and activities were presented. Each State Grange was asked to come prepared to put on some type of workshop or activity and everyone knocked it out of the park. I want to give a special "Thank You" to Mandy Bostwick and Samantha Wilkins for taking charge and keeping everyone on schedule and entertained. The whole weekend was a great success, and I want to thank everyone for attending.

The 109th Annual Oklahoma State Grange Session will be held on October 11th, 12th & 13th, 2024 at the Claremore Conference Center / Holiday Inn Express located at 1400 Country Club Road, Claremore OK. 74017.

However, we will not be staying at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel due to tornado damage to the hotel. Instead, we will be staying at the Hampton

Inn & Suite, Claremore located at 1811 South Scissortail Ave. Claremore, OK 74017. This Hotel is just South and West of the Convention Center, you can see one hotel from the other.

I have all our rooms blocked and ready for us, all I need is your registration form so I can put your name on a room. Most of us will be arriving on the evening of October 10th at the hotel and the Oklahoma State Grange Executive Board will have a board meeting at 6:00 pm and the Grange Mutual Insurance Board will have their meeting at 7:00 pm with the State Officers having drill practice afterwards.

Registration forms need to be sent to me by October 1st, 2024. Registration Fees will be \$20 per Youth and Adults and \$10 per Juniors ages 5-14, please fill out one registration form per hotel room so we can get a good count on everybody. I will make all the hotel reservations so make sure you indicate what type of room you prefer. Also, all Juniors will stay in their parents' room unless pre-arranged, so if you need an extra room for your children, please let me know.

This is an election year again for only one Executive Board meeting.

The Theme for the celebration Banquet on Friday night Oct. 11th, 2024, will be Mardi Gras, we would love to see everyone dressed up.

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All 2024/2025 Scholarship recipients, if you cannot attend the whole State Session, you will at least need to be at the Celebration Banquet on Friday night Oct. 11th, 2024, to accept and give your Scholarship acceptance speech.

If anyone needs any help from Oklahoma State Grange Secretary Jeannie Harrington, you can reach her at email: jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com or mail to Rt. 1 Box 250 Wann, OK 74083 or phone number main 918-559-9507.

If anyone would like to post anything on our state website, please fill free to contact Yvonne Meritt at 405-262-3354 or email her at soonerstate-granger@gmail.com.

If anyone needs anything from me, please fill free to contact me anytime.

Fraternally Submitted

Master Billy D. Shufeldt

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SECRETRIES TAKE NOTES

This year has gone by fast by fast and Oklahoma Grange State Session is just a little over a month away. It doesn't seem like it has been a year since we last met for State Session. I hope everyone is in good health and will be able to attend.

This year the Oklahoma State Session will be at the Holiday Inn Express Convention Center as in the past except we will be staying at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Claremore, OK, October 11-13, 2024. With that in mind, I am needing each Subordinate Grange to send in your RESOLUTIONS and GRANGE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS by OCTOBER 1st. I also need each Grange to send a list of your OFFICERS.

If you have had any deaths of Grange members I would like for you to send me those names to be read and honored during the Memorial Service at State Session. Also, I will be needing the names of the DELEGATES from each Grange.

And don't forget the third quarter dues will need to be paid BEFORE State Session.

If you would like to send your reports by email please send them to: jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com. My address to mail reports is 4253 NS 406 Road, Wann OK 74083 or you may use my Post Office address which is PO Box 716, South Coffeyville, OK 74072.

Fraternally,

Jeannie Harrington

State Secretary

Grange Mutual Insurance Association of Oklahoma

In accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Association, you are hereby notified that the Regular Annual Meeting of the membership will be held at:

Holiday Inn Express
1400 Country Club Rd, Claremore, OK 74017
Saturday, October 12, 2024, 12:00 Noon; meal will be provided;
Please RSVP (800-871-2479)

The following members have been nominated for 3 year term on the Board of Directors: Two will be selected.

2024 Annual Meeting Election

Jerry Taylor
Phillip Larmon
Kay Meritt

Agenda

12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Call to order
Declaration of quorum
Welcome
Registration closes
Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Adjournment



Hello youth and young adults,

I hope the start to your school year has been good! A little life update from me and my family, on August 14th, we added two new additions to our family Mateo and Selena, so we are now officially a family of five.

Now I would like to start by having everyone to join me again in congratulating our Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship recipients for the 2024/2025 school year. This year there were five outstanding young adults that will receive the scholarship, they are Bailey Miranda, Hayden Bailey and Charli Moore - South Coffeyville Grange # 351, Christopher Thomsen and Hailey Thomsen - Thompson Grange # 352. I want to wish all of them the best in their studies and life.

Now on to our upcoming events to put in your calendars, Oklahoma State Grange Session will

be held in Claremore, Oklahoma now at the Hampton Inn October 11th-13th. If you are receiving the Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship you are required to be at state session Friday, please do not forget. We will be serving dinner at the banquet Friday night and lunch on Saturday, and we will also be presenting the 5th Degree on Saturday so I would appreciate it if no one left after serving lunch, and I have already scheduled a super fun activity for all the youth for Saturday night, so I hope to see everyone there!

Please join our Facebook page: Oklahoma State Grange Youth

If you have any questions, please feel free to get ahold of me.

Bailey Miranda

Oklahoma State Youth Director

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Pauls Valley, OK 73075

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Fellow Grangers,

Hope everyone is doing well. It's almost time for the State Session to come around again. We hope to see you there next month. The membership picked up in the second quarter of the year. We ended the 1st quarter with 5279 members

and the 2nd quarter with 5397 members for a net gain of 118 members.

Fraternally,

Carl Shufeldt

Jerry Taylor

Membership Directors



I hope you're all having a wonderful year so far! State session is just around the corner and I cannot wait to see everyone! I won't have any contests planned but I do hope you still participate in the Grange activities contests they always having something for everyone! We will play some games and have a few activities planned. Hope to see everyone soon!

Fraternally submitted,
Melody Finn



NATIONAL GRANGE
OF THE ORDER OF PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY



SET SAIL FOR THE 2025 NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION ~ AT SEA!

LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

I can't believe that the Oklahoma State Grange Session is here. I hope everyone has been started working on the Lecturer's contests. This year the meeting is early October 11-13, 2024 and I hope everyone has made note of the dates. I have put the contest in the paper one more time to remind everyone of the entries. I hope everyone will come and we should have a great time.

LECTURER'S CONTEST

Photo Contest

Age Groups 5-9, 10-14, 15-Adult

Tell A Story (Just using Pictures) 3 pictures

A beginning, A middle, A Ending of Story

Summer Fun

Animal

Drawing Contest

Same age groups

May use Pencil or Charcoal for drawings

May be a 5x7, 8x10

Painting Contest

Same age groups

Acrylic paint or watercolors

Coloring page

All ages

You can use crayons, colored pencils, or markers for the picture. The coloring page will be on the Oklahoma State Grange web page.

Essay Contest

Your Favorite Experience at State Grange.

5-9- ages -25 words

10-14 ages 200 words

15 years to Adult - 500 Minimum to 1000 Maximum

See you at the State Session

Donna Keeton

State Lecturer

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello Grangers!

I make your feet like the feet of a deer. I enable you to stand on the heights. I created deer with the ability to climb steep mountains with ease and to stand on the heights with confidence. Your trust in Me can give you confidence to walk and make progress upon your high places of trouble, responsibility, or suffering.

It's crucial to remember that you live in a world where your spiritual enemies never declare a truce. So you need to stay alert and be ready for battle. Unlike warriors with servants to help them put on their gear, you must make the effort to armor yourself each day. No matter what happens, I want you to be able to stand your ground, and after you have done every-thing, to stand. When you're in the thick of battle, declare your trust in Me-your confidence that I am with you, helping you. You may feel as if you're losing the battle, but don't give up! Hold tightly to My hand, and

just keep standing. This is victory.

2 SAMUEL 22:34; HABAKKUK 3:19 AMP; EPHESIANS 6:13

I don't generally watch the news but last night I heard and saw a picture of a child with polio. I understand that Israel called a truce for a few days so the Palestinians children can be vaccinated against it. Add that to what is going on in our own country and it shouldn't take much to realize how much we all need Jesus. We are the hands and feet and MOUTH of Jesus here on Earth. Please seek God, pray and speak the WORD of Truth-what the Bible says- and continue to stand and believe it. If you read the end of the Bible, you know, Jesus wins we win, but there's a war going on and we are called to let Jesus shine through us into this dark world. Be the light today.

God's Blessings,

Kimberley Duvall

State Grange Chaplain



DONATION TO SAFENET SERVICES

At the Great Plains Regional Conference attendees were encourage to participate in a community service project. This year a donation was made to Safenet Services. Safenet Services offers shelter and counseling for individuals and families healing from the consequences of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. We also offer referrals to GRAND Mental Health for clients who are struggling with substance use.

GRANGE ACTIVITIES

I hope all is doing well and enjoying the summer. The Oklahoma Grange State Session will be here before we know it. I have included the categories for the different age groups to give ample time for your creations. The following contest are listed by age-group in three different categories. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

JUNIORS

Change of Season- Craft that resembles fall can be any creation- Made out any material (Example of materials- paper plate, pinecones, leaves, beads)



Pumpkin- Decorate a pumpkin

Winter Wonderland- Create picture on paper any size any creation that resembles winter. The pictures can be 3D, painted, chalk art different texture added on paper such as foil.



Youth

Magazine Collage- Made out of cut pieces from pages of magazines. Make any design!



Pumpkin - Decorate a pumpkin

Duct Tape- Create something using Duct Tape.

Women- Color an adult coloring page, Make a fall centerpiece out of any material, Make a piece of jewelry out of recycled material.

Men- Make a birdfeeder out of recycled items, Create a set of coasters out of any material, Make a fall decoration for inside or outside out of any material.

The community books will be due **September 21st 2024**. I encourage everyone to participate in developing a book, as I know each Grange is doing great work in the communities. Please note the total volunteer hours for each project in the book. The forms are on the Oklahoma State Grange website. Please mail the books to Lisa Evans P.O. Box 504 Ketchum, Oklahoma 74349.

Have Fun creating!

Fraternally yours,

Lisa Evans

Birth Announcement

Oklahoma State Grange Youth Director Bailey & her Husband William Miranda, and Son Leo would like to announce the birth of their twins.

August 14th 2024 at Chickasaw Medical Center in Ada, Okla

Mateo Antonio Miranda weighing 6lbs 12oz 19" Long and
Selena Jean Miranda 6lbs 6oz 19-1/2" Long. Everyone is doing great!



Great Plains Conference 2024

South Coffeyville, Oklahoma



**OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE
CONVENTION
109th ANNUAL SESSION
OCTOBER 11, 12 & 13, 2024**

Registration Form (Per Room)

**Holiday Inn Express Convention Center
1400 Country Club Rd
Claremore, OK 74017**

**Hotel
Hampton Inn & Suites
1811 S. Scissortail Ave.
Claremore, OK 74017**

Grange Name and # _____

Name _____ State Officer→Youth→Junior→Delegate→Director→Member→Guest→

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Address _____

Rooms- (This is a non-smoking hotel)
Please √ type of room needed.

Cost of rooms are \$92.00 per night not including tax.

Please √ each day room is needed.

Double ☐ ☐ or King ☐ ☐ or Handicap ☐ ☐

Thursday ☐ ☐ Friday ☐ ☐ Saturday ☐ ☐

Meals: Continental Breakfast is included with stay.

Friday Lunch

Adults # _____ Children # _____

Friday Evening Banquet: (THEME: "Mardi Gras")

Adults # _____ Children # _____

Saturday Luncheon: Complements of Grange Mutual Insurance.

Adults # _____ Children # _____

Saturday Dinner is on your own.

Please list food allergies _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

Please send money and registration form

to:

\$20.00 ADULT _____

Billy Shufeldt

\$10.00 CHILD _____ (ages 5-13; Juniors room with Parents)

6399 NS 413 Rd.

Total included with form: \$ _____

South Coffeyville, Ok 74072

State Master will make all room reservations. (No later than October 1st, 2024)

Oklahoma State Grange takes care of only one room per Subordinate Grange.

Comments: _____

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 21 Community Service Projects due

October 1 Registration Forms due to State Master.

October 11th, 12th & 13th, 2024, Oklahoma State Grange, Claremore Conference Center (note Hotel is Hampton Inn and Suites)

December 1 Articles for newsletter due.

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