

Sooner State Granger



Master Message—Billy Shufeldt OK State Grange President

Hello again Oklahoma Grangers and all of our brother and sister Grangers across the United States of America. We have gone from very wet weather in the spring to very hot and dry weather this summer. Here at home, we are still in a drought

and we hope to come out of it soon.

The Great Plains Regional Conference hosted by the Kansas State Grange in June was a great success. We had eighteen Oklahoma Grangers that went to the GPRC in Manhattan, KS and we all had a good time. The Kansas State Grange had many workshops and events scheduled for us during the weekend, they even through in a couple of tornados on Saturday evening. Luckily the tornados did not get too closes and we were able to continue the evening events.

Welina and I will be headed to Colorado Springs, Co. in the middle of September, 2022 to attend to Colorado State Grange Convention. Welina was invited to the convention to represent the National Grange as the National Grange Flora. I have been asked to install their newly elected officers while we are there. We look forward to see how the Colorado State Grange Convention goes.

The 107th Annual Oklahoma State Grange Convention will be held back in Claremore OK at the Claremore Conference Center / Holiday Inn Express located at 1400 Country Club Road,

Claremore OK 74017 on October 14th, 15th & 16th, 2022, with most of us coming in on the evening of October 13, 2022.

The deadline for the Convention registration is September 15th, 2022. I hope everyone has already registered to come State session but if you have not there is a registration form in this paper. If I do not receive a registration form from you, you will not have a room when you get there.

This year's National Grange representative is Cindy and Harry Greer from Colorado. Cindy is our National Grange Ceres, Cindy and Harry live in Hesperus, Co.

The Friday night Celebration Banquet theme is "Fiesta", we will be having a build your own taco meal with hard and soft taco shells and beef and chicken taco meat with all the fixin's.

I hope everyone has all of the photos and crafts ready to enter in the Lecturer, Donna Keeton and Activities Director, Lisa Evans contests.

This year's election consists of one Executive Board position, everyone needs to thinking about who they might want to mention.

Also, everyone needs to be preparing their resolutions for the State Convention, please send them to State Secretary, Jeannie Harrington by October 1st, 2022 so she can get them in the delegates folders. If you do not make the deadline, be sure and bring the resolutions to the Convention.

The Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship recipi-



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ents will need to attend the Convention on Friday or Saturday to give their acceptance speeches.

The National Grange Convention this year is being held at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, Nevada on November 15 -19, 2022.

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 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

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Membership Directors

Carl Shufeldt

Jerry Taylor

Dear Fellow Grangers

We hope everyone has enjoyed the summer. Fall is upon us which means state session is also close. We are looking forward to seeing every-

one there. The second quarter saw another fall in membership. We had only five subordinate granges that had gains in membership. A lot of the loss was due to the housing market. An unusual amount of houses have sold this year and the new owners do not always go with our insurance, therefore decreasing our membership. We had a net loss of 36 members falling from 5448 members to 5412 members. Even with this small loss our state grange I feel is one of the stronger granges in the nation. See you at state session.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Sheila Shafer-Conrady, State Chaplain

Fall is coming! It is slowly turning cooler and our farm is turning to planting and weaning calves. It is the season of state and national Grange sessions, and I look forward to seeing my Grange family soon. I am one of the few who looks forward to the 5th and 6th degree and enjoy seeing the first four degrees read at degree day. I think it is during the degree work that the Christian principles on which the Grange was founded are best displayed and poetically expressed. I think the best part of our organization is its political non partisan stance and non denominational Christian faith. My prayer is that the Grange can lead the way in this crazy world as an example. I

hope Grangers individually and local and state Granges bringing grass roots political action that is based on what is good for our communities before we all get bogged down with the political differences in our family. The same is true for the multi denominational nature of our organization. We do not even ask if one is Baptist, Catholic, or Methodist we look for God and the opportunity to serve and better our communities as an organization. I charge you in the coming months as the political climate and moral issues divide our nation more strongly to think not as a denomination or a political party or a supporter of this or that cause but maybe as a Patron of Husbandry. We all must look first at how you can serve and what is best for the community as a whole. Politics and religion aside we are all Children of God that have to share this world.

**Oklahoma State Grange
107th Annual Session
Holiday Inn Express
Claremore, OK
October 14,15,16 2022**

Thursday, October 13, 2022

6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Elections of State Officers
7:00 p.m.	Grange Mutual Insurance Board Meeting		Committee Reports
8:00 p.m.	State Officers Practice	10:30 a.m.	Recess

Friday, October 14, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Registration of Delegate, Officers, Members and Guests Registration of Entries for Grange Activities Director's and Lecturer's Contests	10:45 a.m.	National Grange Ceres Cindy Greer
9:00 a.m.	Opening in the 6 th Degree 107th Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Grange Lower to the 4 th Degree Roll Call of Officer & Directors Roll Call of Subordinate Grange Delegates Adoption of the Agenda Recognition of National Representatives and Guests, Video from NG Master, Betsy Huber Welcome to Claremore By Visitor's Bureau Response by Overseer Dee Proctor	12:00 p.m.	Committee Reports Recess Luncheon (Hosted by Grange Mutual Insurance) Youth Serving for Tips 1:00 p.m. Grange Mutual Insurance Meeting 2:00 p.m. Grange Mutual Insurance Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. Session Resumes Continued Reports 5:00 p.m. Recess (Dinner on your own) 7:00 p.m. Session Resumes Raised to the 5 th Degree Fifth Degree Conferral by State Grange Youth Dept
10:30 a.m.	Recess		Raise to the 6 th Degree
10:45 a.m.	State Master's Address Treasures & Secretary & Sooner Granger Reports		Sixth Degree Conferral by State Officers Closing of the Grange

Committee Assignments
Resolution Assignments to Committee Reports
Announcements
Closing of the Grange
12:00 p.m. Lunch provided by OSG
1:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
1:30 p.m. Youth meets for Practice

6:00 p.m. Celebration Banquet
Theme: "Fiesta"

Saturday, October 15, 2022

9:00 a.m. Oklahoma State Grange Opens in the 4th Degree

Roll Call of Officers

Roll Call of Delegates
Reading and Adoptions of the minutes of the 1st day of Session

Sunday, October 16, 2022

9:00 a.m.,	Worship Service and Memorial Service State Chaplain, Sheila Conrady
10:00 a.m.	Opening of the Grange in the 4 th Degree Roll Call of Officers and Directors Roll Call of Delegate Reading and adoption of minutes from 2 nd day of State Session Committee Reports
10:30 a.m.	Recess
10:45 a.m.	Installation of Officers. Unfinished Business
	Motion for 3 rd day minutes approved by Executive Committee Closing of the 107 th Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Grange

Grange Activities

Lisa Evens , State Director

I hope everyone is having a great summer. The State Session will be here before we know it. I have included the contest so there will be plenty of time to create your entries. The community books will be due September 23rd 2022. The forms can be found on the Oklahoma State Grange Website Please mail the books to Lisa Evens PO Box 504 Ketchum, Oklahoma 74349.

Junior: Decorate a pumpkin, make a Christmas decoration, paper towel craft.

Youth: Decorate a Pumpkin, Create jewelry out of any material, Create a Christmas ornament.

Women: Make a Christmas ornament, create a Christmas centerpiece out of any material, and create something out of a recycled item.

Men: Create a sign for the home out any material, make an outdoor Christmas decoration, make a picture frame out any material.

Great Plains Regional Conference



Landon Knight and Jayla



Jacklynn Keeton Travis Knight and Leo Miranda

SECRETARIES TAKE NOTES

Jeannie Harrington

State Secretary

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and in good health. Summer went 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.

This year the Oklahoma State Session will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Claremore, OK, October 14-16, 2022. With that in mind, I am needing each Subordinate Grange to send in your RESO-

LUTIONS 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.



Greeting Youth and Young Adults,

Hey all! Hope that the school year has started out well for those in school and for those of you that have children in school, hopefully it is going well for you and your children too. I know that I was ready for school to start just to get back into a better routine. Summer always seems to mess things up due to the days being longer and then turning me into a night owl.

For any of you that received the Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship, don't forget to get President Billy Shufeldt your concise school enrollment/schedule by 09/15/2022 to insure proper disbursement of your first half of your scholarship funds. They can be mailed directly to him or you can have the school send him an email directly from the Registrar's office to bshufeldt.okgrange@gmail.com.

State Session is right around the corner. It is scheduled for October 14-16, 2022 in Claremore, OK at the Claremore Convention Center. Hotel accommodations are next door at the Holiday Inn Express. If you are planning to attend you need to get your registration form sent to Bill Shufeldt ASAP. They are due NO LATER than Sept. 15th. If you need one emailed to you, send me your email address so that I can forward you one. For those that received the OK State Grange Scholarship, you are required to attend the Friday Evening Banquet.

As we always do, we will be presenting the 5th Degree along with a walk in drill. I have a wedding that same day and so I may be a little late getting back to the hotel after the wedding so I am really going to need you all to step up and work together on this for me. I think we should do new T-shirts this year but I **need someone to come up with a design post-haste** so that we have time to get them ordered and printed. I will reach out to 66 Apparel in Vinita to make sure Audrey can do them for us, but **I also need a head count and shirt size from everyone who plans to be there and participate in and with the Drill Team.** I know I should have started this sooner, but I honestly have had too much other going and have honestly let time get away from me.

The 156th National Grange Convention this year is being held in Sparks, Nevada, November 15-19, 2022. If you are thinking about going or would like to attend, be sure to visit with me or Bill. Also, be thinking about the Washington DC Experience. This is an event for Juniors and Youth and is a great introduction to the legislative process that you can apply for and attend. I haven't had anyone go for a few years. I believe Ryan Merrit was the last OK Junior to attend. Let me know if this is something you might be interested in attending. It is held in March each year.

I know I have been absent a lot this past year and I have neglected getting information out to you about events and opportunities. I will strive to get better in the coming months.

See you soon and **DON'T FORGET ABOUT SHIRTS SIZES AND ATTENDANCE for State Session in October,**
LeeAnn

LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

Donna Keeton State Lecturer

Oklahoma State Grange Session is up on us. I hope everyone is working on the Lecturer's contests.

The age categories are: 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19, Adults.

The photo contests are:

Degree Day

Tulsa Zoo (Oklahoma State Grange Gathering)

Summer Fun

Tell a story about what you enjoy at the Oklahoma State Sessions, you can add a picture with the story

Painting or Drawing a picture there will be two categories, watercolors or pencil drawings.

Read a book and tell us if you like the book and what it is about.

I hope to see you at the State Session in October.

**OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE
CONVENTION
107th ANNUAL SESSION
OCTOBER 14-16, 2022**

Registration Form (Per Room)

**Holiday Inn Express
1400 Country Club Rd
Claremore, OK 74017
(918)283-4877**

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 \$79.00 per night not including tax.

Please √ each day room is needed.

Doubleor King Handicap

Thursday Friday Saturday

Meals: Continental Breakfast is included with stay.

Friday Lunch
Adults # _____ Children # _____

Friday Evening Banquet: (THEME: "Fiesta")
Adults # _____ Children # _____

Saturday Luncheon: Complements of Grange Mutual Insurance.
Adults # _____ Children # _____

Saturday Dinner is on your own.

Please list food allergies _____

REGISTRATION FEE:
\$20.00 ADULT _____
\$10.00 CHILD _____ (ages 5-13; Juniors room with Parents)
Total included with form: \$ _____

Please send money and registration form to:
Billy Shufeldt
6399 NS 413 RD
South Coffeyville, Ok 74072

State Master will make all room reservations. _____ (No later than September 15th, 2022)

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

Com-
ments: _____



Hello Junior Grangers,
We hope everyone is having a good school year so far and cannot believe its already time for state session right around the corner. We are excited to finally get together and are looking forward to seeing everyone. We have lots of activities planned. We hope everyone will be able to

attend. Please be sure and wear old clothes, because we will be doing some painting projects. Also, be ready to compete we will be doing some competitions that will require some team work. We hope everyone stays safe and cannot wait to see everyone at session.

Fraternally submitted,
Scheneista Procter
State Grange Director
Aubrey Bowers
Debbie Borgstrom
Kim Knight
Committee members



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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 15, 2022, 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.

2022 Annual Meeting Election

Robert Bailey

Kay Meritt

Randy Henry

Agenda:

12-12:30pm Lunch

12:30pm Call to order

Declaration of quorum

Welcome

Registration closes

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Adjournment

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Dates to Remember

Sept 15 Sessions Registration Due

Sept 23 Community Service Projects Due

Oct. 19- 21 State Grange Session Claremore
Conference Center, Claremore Oklahoma

Hotel accommodations Holiday Inn Express



Oklahoma Grange Mutual Insurance

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