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Master's Message...

State 97th Session Approaches Quickly

I don't know where the time has gone; the Oklahoma State Grange Session is upon us.

It will be at the Clarion Hotel in Broken Arrow, OK. October 19-21, 2012.

In this newsletter there will be a tentative State Session Program and a registration form.

To be eligible to have two delegates you will have to have your second quarter dues paid and your assessment paid.

I would like to have a report from

every Subordinate Grange and Pomona Grange sent to me by October 1, 2012 and also State Officers and Directors I need your reports at the State Session.

There will be rooms available Thursday October 18, 2012 for State Officers, Directors, and Delegates. One room per Subordinate and Pomona Grange Delegates, if you have a Delegate that is not the Master's spouse your Subordinate Grange or yourself will have to pay for that room. Also only mileage for one car

per Subordinate Grange or Pomona Grange that is round trip, please get your mileage turned into the State Secretary as soon as you can at State Session. There will be youth rooms available so please let the State Youth Director Lena Shufeldt know if you have youth that are coming; so she can let me know by October 1, 2012.

It is a great pleasure to announce that our National Representative will be National Grange Chaplain Barbara Borderieux.

Let's start writing those resolutions; they need to be sent to the State Secretary by October 5, 2012 and to the State Master.

There is a lot of concern over the Farm Bill, stay involved and let's help the National Grange support in getting the new Farm Bill passed.

Look around your community and state and see what needs changed or helped, also think about making some changes on our State Scholarship it needs updating, there are a lot of resolutions ready to be written and worked on.

I know that all the Directors are busy getting ready for the State
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Dates To Remember

Oct. 1, 2012 - Subordinate Grange Reports and State Officers and Directors Reports due. Also State Session Registration Forms.

Oct. 5, 2012 - Resolutions due.

Oct. 19-21 - State Session, Clarion Hotel, Broken Arrow, OK.

Nov. 30, 2012 - News items for next Sooner Granger are due. Email to robert@tradersbend.com or send to Marvin Purdy, 4202 W. Doolin, Blackwell, OK 74631 or Fax 580 363-4296.



National Grange Chaplain
Barbara Borderieux

Secretaries Take Note

By Jeannie Harrington

Well here we are in the middle of August with summer over and school starting again. Summer sure went by fast and Oklahoma State Session is just around the corner. Hope everyone is making plans to attend.

Master Donna Keeton is sending letters out to each Grange and each Officer with information concerning the State Session.

I need to ask each Grange to send me a list of :

1. Names of your Officers
2. Names of the deceased members of your Grange
3. Reports for each of your Granges
4. Resolutions you are bringing to State Session

Just a reminder that it is time for Third Quarter Dues. Quite a few of you did not pay your assessments when you sent in your Second Quarter Dues. If you haven't paid your assessments for each member, please get them in ASAP. Thank you for your prompt payments!!!

NOTE: I HAVE A NEW ADDRESS! PLEASE SEND YOUR REPORTS TO:

JEANNIE HARRINGTON
RT. 1, BOX 250
WANN, OK 74083

Fraternally,
Jeannie Harrington
State Secretary

Master's Message

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Session; it is not too late to work on the Lecturer's and the Grange Activities contests. The Youth and Junior Directors are busy too getting workshops set up for the State Session. I would like to see a record broken on how many youth and juniors come to the State Session this year. It will be a lot of fun!

See You In October!

Donna Keeton,
State Master

Lecturer's Lesson

By Yvonne Meritt

Greetings,

Time for state session is here. Please have your Lecturer Department turned in by noon on Friday, October 19. If you are unable to attend the session you can still enter by mailing entries to me by October 10. Also don't forget the talent contest. Look at the program enclosed in the paper to see when it will be held.

Fraternally,

Yvonne Meritt

State Lecturer

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Grange Activities / Community Service

By Mary Krehbiel

It has been a very busy summer for me and school has started for most teachers and students. I hope your summer was full of fun activities. Maybe some of them even involved Grange activities!

This year we have had some good contests and are looking forward to having lots of entries at the State Meeting. I was thrilled to get enough community service books to be able to send one to National and claim money.

Just a reminder about the contests you can enter.

Women

Decorated wreath for wall or door.

Men

Decorated or improved mailbox. Photos of before and after for your entry... don't bring mailbox. Unless you want to!

Youth

Re-purpose something into a recycling tool or bin. (bring it if it isn't too big or take a photo if it is.)

Juniors

Make a picture (with sturdy backing) from glued on seeds or beans.

Everyone (same age groups as above)

Any Item... Cross stitch or hand embroidery.

Every entry should have your full name, age group, and Grange on the back. Judging usually begins by 10:30 on the first day of the session, so be sure to have your entry in by that time.

Prizes will be awarded!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Broken Arrow on Oct. 19.

Mary Krehbiel
580-541-7353

Oklahoma State Grange Annual Meeting October 19-21, 2012

Clarion Hotel, 2600 N. Aspen, Broken Arrow, OK 74012

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline October 1, 2012

Grange Name and Number: _____

Name: _____

Delegate, Officer, Director, Member, Youth, Junior (circle what applies)

Name: _____

Delegate, Officer, Director, Member, Youth, Junior (circle what applies)

REGISTRATION

AGE 14 - ADULT\$10.00

AGE 4-13.....\$ 5.00

Meals included with Registration

Tickets you will need:

Friday Night's

Pirate Theme Banquet.....# _____

Friday Banquet Children's Plates...# _____

Saturday's Luncheon.....# _____

ROOMS

Room Rates: \$65 a night plus tax

Suggested Room Arrangement:

King _____, Double _____

Non smoking____, Smoking____

Thursday Night_____

Friday Night_____

Saturday Night_____

Return Completed Form with Payment by October 1, 2012

Make Checks payable to Oklahoma State Grange

Send To Donna Keeton, Rt. 1 Box 106, South Coffeyville, OK. 74072

Junior Grange

Scheneista Procter, Director

Hello Junior Grangers,

We had a good time at the Great Plains Regional Conference in Kansas. We had six total juniors in attendance from our state. We made cards and letters for the service men

Deaf Activities

By Yvonne Meritt
and Mary Krehbiel

We would like to encourage everyone to bring their pop tabs again this year for Ronald McDonald House. Also bring loose change and donations. We are hoping to have a lap blanket to raffle for Dogs for the Deaf. This is our continuing project. There will also be a game for Deaf Activities that everyone will want to participate in.

Sincerely,
Mary and Yvonne

Check It Out!

NEW

**Oklahoma
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at

[http://www.](http://www.okgrange.org)

okgrange.org

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Safari, Opera, or Chrome*

serving in the military. We had fun playing games and doing the activities that were planned for us.

Well it's that time of year again for State Session and it's going to be October 19th-21st in Broken Arrow. I hope that everyone is ready for some fun.

We will be doing some pirate crafts to be worn for the banquet dinner, so be prepared to get your pirate attire on. Aargh!

We are also planning to try and go through the Junior Degree and learn more about the degree work for us, along with playing some games.

Don't forget to bring your Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm Read-A-Thon paperwork and money with you to State Session. Also, if you have any National contests you want to be entered in please send them to me as soon as possible, so I can get them turned in.

I hope everyone has had a great summer and is enjoying being back in school. I can't wait to see all of you at State Session.

Submitted by,
Scheneista Procter
State Junior Director

Youth Report

Billy and Lena Shufeldt, Directors

Hello everyone,

I hope all have had a good summer. I know we have. We have also experienced some hot weather, but that is passed us now and I'm glad it has. School has already started for everyone. This year has gone by so fast.

We had our Great Plains Youth Conference in Lawrence Ks, in June. We had a great turn out with the Youth and Young at heart. I would like to thank the Youth who gave speeches - Kyle Tanner, Landry Volz, and Bailey Shufeldt, thanks for your hard work.

I just want to drop a line and remind all the Youth that the Oklahoma State Session is upon us Oct, 19, 20, and 21 to be at the Clarion Hotel in Broken Arrow.

I would like all the Youth to please get a hold of me ASAP with your T-shirt size. The Youth Department is buying T-shirts for the Drill team. Call 918-467-0284. I will need the Youth to also bring a pair of jeans for Sat. night. I also need to know how many rooms I'm going to need for the Youth so I need you to contact me on that as well and I need this ASAP too.

I hope to hear from you soon, going to make it a great session. Hope to see everyone there.

Billy and Lena Shufeldt
Youth Directors

Membership

Carl Shufeldt and Jerry Taylor, Directors

Hello Fellow Grangers

We hope everyone is doing well after another hot summer. We look forward to seeing you at the State Session in October. We have some good news to share. After totaling the numbers each Grange turned in for the second quarter, we have a substantial gain in membership. At

the beginning of the year we made a challenge to each Grange to increase membership by 15 percent. We are happy to report that while not all subordinate Granges increased by that much, as a whole, we gained 15.93 percent. We raised our membership from 1707 in 2011 to 1979 in 2012, for a total of 272 members gained.

We will have a breakdown of gains for each subordinate Grange at the awards banquet at the State Session. We want to thank everyone for their work, and hope to see you at the State Session.

Carl Shufeldt
Jerry Taylor
Membership Directors

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Terry Stolezing

A Wyandot (Huron) Legend

The wise men turned to him who wrote, Then they looked at the trees on many hills. It was the autumn. The leaves had many colors. They said, " We will tell you the story of the battle fought by the deer and the bear in the land of the sky."

The bear was selfish and proud. He often made trouble among the Animals of the Great Council. When he heard that the Deer had walked over the rainbow Bridge into the sky land he was angry. "I WILL PUNISH THE DEER " he said.

The Bear went to the Rainbow Bridge He leaped along its beautiful way of glowing colors. He came into the sky land. There he found the deer and said to him; This sky land is the home of the Little turtle, Why did you come into this land? Why did you not come to meet us in the Great Council? Why did you not wait until all the Animals could come to live here?

Then the Deer was angry, Only the Wolf might ask him such questions. The Bear had no right to speak like that to the Deer.

The Deer said to the bear, you have gone about making trouble among the Animals long enough You shall never do that again.

The Deer said he would kill the Bear he arched his neck. He tossed his head to show his long sharp horns. The hair along his back stood up. His eyes blazed as if a fire burned in them. He thought to slay the bear with a single stroke of his terrible horns.

The Bear was not afraid. His claws were very strong. He stood erect for the mighty conflict. His deep growls shook the sky like rolling thunder. The struggle was terrific and long. The Bear was torn by the cruel horns of the Deer.

When the remaining Animals of the great Council heard the awful noise, the Wolf went up into the sky to stop the dreadful battle.

All the animals had to obey the Wolf, So the Deer turned and ran away. And the Bear fled along the paths of the sky. As the Deer ran, the Blood of the Bear dropped from his horns. It fell down to the Lower World and made the leaves of the trees many colors. Some were Red, some Yellow, Some were Brown. Some Scarlet, and some Crimson.

Now each year when the Autumn comes the leaves of the trees take on these many colors. The forests are flooded with soft and glowing beauty. The Wyandots then say the blood of the Bear has again been thrown down from the sky upon the trees of the Great Island.

TENATIVE PROGRAM 97th ANNUAL OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE SESSION

CLARION HOTEL, BROKEN ARROW

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012

8:00 AM - Registration of entries for Grange
Activities & Lecturer's Contests open.
Registration of Delegates, Officers, Members and
Guests

9:00 - 97th Session of the Oklahoma State Grange
Opens in the 6th Degree.
6th Degree Business.
Lower to 4th Degree.
Roll call of Officers and Directors.
Roll call of Delegates.
Recognition of National Grange.
Representatives and Guests.
Recognition of Past State Masters and Spouses.
Recognition of Past National Officers.
Welcome to Broken Arrow
By Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce.
Response by Overseer Dee Procter.
Committee and Resolution Assignments

10:30 - Break

10:45 - State Master's Address.
Reports.
Closing of the Grange.

12:00 - Lunch on your own.

1:00 PM - Committee meetings.

6:00 - Celebration Banquet, Pirate Theme.
Directors Awards and Lecturer Talent Show.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012

9:00 AM - Oklahoma State Grange
Opens in 4th Degree.
Roll call of Officers, Directors, and Delegates.

Reading of the minutes of Friday's Session.
Announcements.

Election of Executive Committee Member.

Reports of Resolution Committee.

10:30 - Break.

10:45 - Address by Barbara Borderieux,
Chaplain of the National Grange.
Recognition of other Guests.
Resolutions presented as time permits

12:00 - Luncheon Hosted by
Grange Mutual Insurance Association.

1:00 PM - Annual Meeting of
Grange Mutual Insurance Association.

1:30 - Committee Meetings.

3:30 - Session continues.

Memorial Service: State Chaplain Terry Stoelzing.
Resolutions Committee, Officers and Directors
Reports.

5:00 - Recess.

7:00 - Conferral of Fifth and Sixth Degree.
Closing of the Grange.

Youth Department Fund Raiser: Basket Auction
(Basket's Donated by Subordinate Granges)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21, 2012

9:00 AM - Worship Service Conducted
by State Chaplin Terry Stoelzing.

9:30 - Open Grange in 4th Degree.

Roll call of Officers, Directors, and Delegates.
Reading of minutes of Saturday's session.
Unfinished Business.

Installation of Executive Committee Member.

Closing of the Grange and Friendship Circle