

# Sooner State Granger



September  
2013

## MASTER'S MESSAGE

Can You Believe it!!! State Session is here!!! October 18-20 2013 we will have our 98<sup>th</sup> Annual State Session at the Clarion Hotel 2600 N. Aspen; Broken Arrow, OK 74012; I will need your registration by October 1, 2013.

In this newsletter there will be a tentative program and a registration form. To be eligible to have two delegates your Subordinate Grange will need to have their second quarter dues paid and the second quarter assessment paid.

I would like to have all reports sent to the State Secretary Jeannie Harrington no later than October 1, 2013. That is all State Officers, all Sub-Ordinate Granges and Pomona Granges. The report does not have to be long just tell what your Granges have done this year; and what you have done this past year as a State Officer, thank you in advance for getting these reports in.

The resolutions need to be sent to the State Secretary and State Master by October 7, 2013, please send each of us a copy.

There will be rooms available on Thursday, October 17, 2013 for State Officers, Directors, and Delegates. One room per Subordinate Grange and Pomona Grange, if you have a Delegate that is not the Master's spouse your Subordinate Grange or yourself will have to pay 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 when you check in on Friday morning.

The Youth needs to let the Youth Directors know if they are coming to the State Session before October 1, 2013 so that they can let me know how many youth rooms we will need.

The Youth will not be having an Auction this year, instead they will be serving us at the Friday Evening Celebration Banquet also the Saturday Luncheon that is hosted by the Grange Mutual Insurance; so bring your TIP MONEY that is the youth FUND Raiser this year. The theme for the Celebration Banquet is Pink Ribbons to support the October Breast Cancer Month.

We will have Brother Jack Smithers and Sister Margaret Smithers, Texas State Master and First Lady of Texas as our

guest this year at the State Session. They will bring a lot of enthusiasm to our meeting.

Brad and I have had a busy summer; in the middle of July we took a 15 passenger van to Minnesota to the Kelley Farm where four of our youth help exemplify the Second Degree, they were Audrey Bowers as Ceres, Olivia Shufeldt as Secretary, Ann Keeton as Gatekeeper and Michael Case as a Male Candidate. They did a terrific job. Oklahoma members also in attendance Delbert and Rhonda Bowers, JackLynn, Keykeigh, Brad and Donna Keeton; Dee, Scheneista, James Michael and Josiah Procter.

At the end of July, Brad and I went to the Texas State Grange 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Session in Boerne, Texas. We had a great time I was asked to be their State Flora in the Sixth Degree. There were eight candidates that took the Sixth Degree. They had eighteen resolutions that they worked on. I hope that we can have as many resolutions.

In two years we will help host the National Grange Convention at Lincoln, Nebraska, we need to start talking about how we are going to get there and how to raise money for all the expenses while at the Convention. The Grange Mutual Insurance has been hit hard with all the wind losses this year and will not be able to help us with going to the National Grange Convention. We need to have suggestions or resolutions on how to raise this money. Don't forget all the Grange contests for Lecturer's Department, Grange Activities Department, Junior Department, and Youth Department. There are a lot of deadlines coming up. Also don't forget about the quilt square entry we did not have an entry last year so I hope that we will have one this year.

The tornado relief fund is going well, we have had several states and subordinate granges donate money to the tornado relief fund, it is not too late for anyone else to donate, send the money to the State Secretary Jeannie Harrington.

Don't forget this is an Election Year!!!!

Donna Keeton  
State Master

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# Grange Activities / Community Service

By Mary Krehbiel

School has begun for most of us. Time to get back to fall activities, football, school activities, and our final garden crops. Now is also the time to work on and finish up your Community Service books and get them turned in to me by September 1. I am including the Community Service Form one more time.

Remember to be making plans for your State Contest entries. Please be sure to encourage all your members to enter these contests... You do not need to be present to enter! Just have someone attending bring them for you. Once again here is a list of the contests you can enter for Grange Activities. You must have your name, Grange name and number and age on the back of the entry. Entries must be received by 10:30 on Friday of the State Session.

## **Crafts:**

Men- Homemade Christmas toy or decoration.  
(any medium - wood, wire, metal, etc)

Women- Homemade Christmas table Centerpiece

Youth- Homemade Christmas Tree Ornaments  
(enter 3) One of your three may be sent to National for the National Christmas tree. (It will not be returned)

Jr's- Homemade Christmas Tree Ornament (enter 1). It will be returned. Not sent to National.

\*\*\* I really need the Youth to have some entries in this craft contest so I have Christmas Tree Ornaments to send to National!!! I'm depending on you. \*\*\*

## **Food:**

FOR ALL AGES---Your favorite Super Bowl Snack (Entries must have the recipe)

\*\*\*Food recipes will be used to make a 2013 State Recipe Book! You can purchase this wonderful Recipe Book full of Yummy Grange treats!!! The \$\$ money from this little book will be given as a donation to a Food pantry or other project to be determined later.

## **Sewing:**

FOR ALL AGES---Christmas throw, quilt or handwork...Could also be a wall hanging with quilting or cross stitch, etc. any medium... everyone can do it...

Subordinate Masters, please encourage everyone to enter our contests even those not able to attend the State meeting.

I'm hoping to see old Grange friends and new ones October 18-20 at our Oklahoma State Grange Convention in Broken Arrow, Okla. Come join the fun!

Fraternally,  
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Grange Activities / Community Service  
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## Greeting from the Oklahoma State Lecturer

State Sessions is just around the corner. I hope you have your entries ready for state sessions. Rules for the photo contest were published in the last edition of the Sooner State Grange paper. Photos to be entered into the contest need to be in the display room by noon on Friday of state session. Entry forms need to be completed for each entry. Forms will be available when registering your entries.

Also I hope you are preparing for the talent contest. This entry may be a reading, dance, or musical performance. All are welcome to enter and fun will be had by all.

Hope to see you at state session.

Fraternally,  
Yvonne Merit  
State Lecturer

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# Legislative Update

I hope your Granges have been preparing resolutions to be presented at state sessions. All resolutions should be submitted to the State Secretary prior to the session so it can be presented in the proper format for the delegates. Please be sure and review previous Journals of Proceedings for present policies.

Fraternally  
Yvonne Meritt  
Legislative Director

# Youth Report

Wow school has started and summer is over, where did the time go. I hope everyone has a great start to a new school year. I would like to remind all the youth that at Oklahoma State Session in Oct I will need you to bring a white button up shirt and Black Slacks with you to the session. As in the news letter before I mentioned we will be serving the food at the banquets to raise our money this year instead of having the silent auction.

Please parents remind your children of this. I hope to see everyone there come prepared to practice, practice, practice. As we will be doing the opening.

Sincerely,  
Billy and Welina Shufeldt



## Fellow Grangers:

We hope you have enjoyed this wonderful summer. It won't be long until the State Session is upon us. We hope to see a very good turn-out this year. Some good news on membership is that we have again had a gain. Last year after gaining almost twenty per cent in membership, President Keeton challenged us to reach twenty five percent this year. We saw the total membership a few weeks ago, and Madam President, HOW ABOUT THIRTY SIX PERCENT INCREASE. We had a gain of 711 members. This may put Oklahoma toward the top State for membership gain in the Nation. We will reveal the total increase of each subordinate Grange at the State Session at the awards banquet. We would like to thank everyone for working toward this membership goal.

Carl Shufeldt  
Jerry Taylor  
Membership Directors

### Grange Mutual Insurance Association of Oklahoma

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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:

Clarion Hotel  
2600 N. Aspen, Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
Saturday, October 19, 2013, 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.

2013 Annual Meeting Election  
Marvin Purdy  
Robert Bailey  
Delbert Bowers

*Please present this invitation at the door*

#### Agenda:

12-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Call to order
	Declaration of quorum
	Welcome
	Registration closes
	Report of Secretary
	Report of Treasurer
	Election results
	Adjournment

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# Tenative Program 2013

## Friday, October 18, 2013

- 8:00 a.m. Registration of entries for Grange Activities & Lecturer's Contests  
Registration of Delegates, Officers, Members & Guests
- 9:00 a.m. 98th Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Grange opens in the 6th Degree  
6th Degree Business
- 9:30 a.m. Lower to 4th Degree Roll call of Officers & Directors  
Roll call of Subordinate Grange Delegates  
Recognition of Guests  
Welcome to Broken Arrow by Chamber of Commerce  
Response by Dee Procter, Overseer
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. State Master's Address  
Committee and Resolution Assignments  
Reports  
Announcements  
Closing of the Grange
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:30 p.m. Committee Meetings

## Friday, October 18, 2013, Evening

- 6:00 p.m. Celebration Banquet  
Welcome: Donna Keeton, Master  
Prayer: Terry Stolezing, Chaplain  
Dinner  
Scholarship Awards: Donna Keeton  
Landry Volz, Tanner Volz  
Camille Krehbiel, Kyle Volz  
Ronald Bowers, Sheyian Borgstrom  
Grange Activities Awards: Mary Krehbiel  
Membership Awards: Jerry Taylor, Carl Shufeldt  
Junior Awards: Scheneista Procter  
Granger Of The Year: ????  
Talent Show: Yvonne Meritt

## Sunday, October 20, 2013

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service By: State Chaplain Terry Stoelzing
- 9:30 a.m. Memorial Service By: State Chaplain Terry Stoelzing
- 10:00 a.m. Oklahoma State Grange opens in 4th Degree  
Roll call of Officers and Directors  
Roll call of Delegates  
Minutes of Saturday's Session  
Resolution Committee's Report
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Installation of State Officers  
Unfinished Business  
Closing of the 98th Annual Session  
Oklahoma State Grange  
Friendship Circle  
Closing song:



**OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE  
ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 18 - 20, 2013  
Clarion Hotel  
2600 N. Aspen  
Broken Arrow, OK. 74012  
October 1, 2013 Deadline**

**Grange Name & #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Delegate, Officer, Director, Member, Youth, Junior (circle what applies)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Delegate, Officer, Director, Member, Youth, Junior (circle what applies)

**Registration**  
\$10.00 (14-Adult)  
\$5.00 (5-13 years old)

**Meals included with Registration**  
Tickets you will need.  
Pink Ribbon Theme for Friday Night's Banquet  
Friday's Banquet # \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday's Banquet children's Plate # \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday's Luncheon # \_\_\_\_\_

**Rooms**  
Room Rates \$65.00 a night plus tax  
Suggested Room Arrangement  
King \_\_\_\_\_, Double \_\_\_\_\_  
Non smoking \_\_\_\_\_, Smoking \_\_\_\_\_  
Thursday night \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday night \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_

**Return by October 1, 2013**  
Return completed form with payment.  
Make checks payable to Oklahoma State Grange  
**Donna Keeton**  
**Rt. 1 Box 106**  
**South Coffeyville, OK. 74072**

# Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Terry Stolezing

## My Dream Home

A wise friend of mine just recently reminded me that there is a house and then there is a home. So what?! My house is my home, eh! Stop there... it is not that simple. A house is a building: there is the roof, the walls, the floors, and all the stuff in between. The house can be humble or fancy; it can be a mansion or townhouse or apartment or even a trailer. It can be located anywhere in the world. Some are in the upscale neighborhoods and some in the slums, but most are somewhere in between. No matter what kind of house it is or where it is located, no matter how expensive or run-down the living quarters are, only one thing remains unchanged: there are people living inside, and it is those individuals that define the word "home".

Home is where you can be you, where the people you live with love and respect you or where it is blissfully quiet if you happen to live alone. It is a place you can go to after a very long day and feel at peace, you don't have to worry about being hurt or yelled at, nor do you have to worry about being criticized or laughed at. At home you can sit and enjoy wonderful conversations, happiness, and peace of mind. You can let go of all the layers of defense and pretense you put on in the morning when you step out of the door.

I don't know about you, but I know exactly what my future home will be like. Trust me on this one – I am currently building my dream home and if I work hard, I shall have my dream finished. I want a peaceful cottage. Imagine: it is a small house with big windows and private little backyard. My backyard is my garden of bliss, full of well-tended flower beds and a couple of trees (preferably

maple) under which I will have an old-fashioned swing by the pool. And birds! so that I can wake up in the morning and relax while sitting on that swing, peacefully rocking back and forth with beautiful sounds filling my ears. There is nothing fancy or expensive but everything is clean and well taken care of with love. The wood floors with old-fashioned rugs are pristine and make the house ever so inviting. The walls are decorated with pictures of the people I love and there in a corner I keep a basket of projects that I finally have the time and confidence to do. My bedroom is filled with light, just like the rest of the house. My bed, of course, is big and comfortable – but not too comfortable. I would not want to sleep away my newly-found freedom because I've already missed out on two decades of happiness in my previous life. The house is so simple and quiet that one can feel the harmony and the flow of positive energy everywhere. Even now, when I'm only part of the way to my goal, my house is still my home. My girls are there as my family and my helpers. They help with the choices and construction, and they remind me that I'm not allowed to work through the night. Together we are making our dream home, and if I get really lucky I will spend rest of my days there being ever so happy.

You might have realized that some people live in castles completely miserable and yet others may live in poor conditions but are truly happy. Money can't buy happiness. It is us who make the difference. It does not matter if the dream home takes a few years to come by. I live in my dream home and it is filled with laughter.

## Secretary's Report

*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  
918-559-9507**

*Fraternally,  
Jeannie Harrington  
State Secretary*

## Hello Junior Grangers

I have got some contests we are going to do for state session so you need to be working on your creative skills and get involved into these contests. The contests is broken down into three different age groups. The first age group is 7 years of age and under for this group you are to make a recycled craft and the rules are it has to be made out of recycled objects and it can't be bigger than a shoe box. The next age group is 8-10 years old and you are also going to make a recycled craft using recycled objects and it can't be bigger than a shoe box. The last age group is 11-14 years old and you are going to make a scrapbook with five pages of your favorite activity and it needs to be on paper no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 and placed in a folder. Some ideas could be sports you are in or grange activities or anything else you like to do.

The other contest is going to be the same age groups as above but each group is going to do the same project and it is going to be to make some type of craft or display to represent our state flag, state bird, state flower, state tree, state nickname, slogan or anything our state is well known for. I hope that everyone will participate in these contests and use your creative skills I know that you have. The judging of these contests will be based on creativity, originality and the use of the theme, but most of all have fun in creating your projects. You never know there might be cash prizes. Please bring these projects with you to state session and also don't forget to bring some old clothes cause we might be doing some painting. I have planned out a lot of fun activities we will be doing so tell your parents to bring you to state session cause if you don't come you are missing out on some fun. If you have any questions about the contest please let me know I can be reached by phone or email and I will list them at the bottom just in case you have any questions. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and now I hope everyone is having a good school year so far.

Fraternally submitted,  
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# Dates To Remember

**October 18-20, 2013**

Oklahoma State Session  
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma • Clarion Inn

**November 12-16, 2013**

National Grange Convention  
Manchester, New Hampshire

**December 1, 2013**

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