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From the Office of Master

Harvest season is upon us. The fruits of our labors in our gardens are now gracing our tables. Corn, beans, tomatoes, beets, carrots, and squash in many varieties are enriching our diet and pleasing our palates. How can we not feel honored to belong to the Grange, the premier farming fraternity?

A question has been raised about the need for the Installation of officers, especially two year term officers, when the officer slate is the same. I view the ceremony a great advertisement for our order. The Installation defines clearly what each officer's duties are. This reminder is most important for the Grange does not operate with only one person doing the work and the rest shirking their responsibilities. Therefore, to be perfectly clear, annual elections must have an installation. Biennial elections must also be installed, regardless of the same slate of officers.

Grow Grange is the action plan for the coming year. We have four Grow Grange crews that are available to assist those Granges that want their help. Grow Grange needs a commitment from the Grange Members. Your members will actually bring the people in by their commitment, their good works, and their commitment to the community.

Uxbridge Grange has stepped up in the recent major fire in the mill complex by conducting fund raising projects to support the victims and to improve or replace equipment for the Fire Department. They stepped forward in time of need to fill a need for leadership that the community will remember. Remember this; each Grange has opportunities to do such projects and to provide leadership. Stand proud as a Granger and lead.

The Big-E will be open by the time you read this. The sales booth in the Mass booth is again open and thank you all for the work put into this project. Each Granger

who helps is a major contributor as the booth would be impossible without you. The Mass Room at the New England Grange Building has been repainted by the officers of MSG. We thank you for the contributions that make these renovations possible.

The Grange Fairs are on display in the MSG room this year. We are proud to support these fairs with premium money and are proud of the tradition. The Fairs illustrate the crafts, the farming skills and the historic methods of preservation that is so much of our heritage. I thank all the Granges that are still running fairs and encourage Granges to consider reinstating bygone fairs or starting new ones.

Farmers markets are now up and running. We had five Granges make application for the new grant program. Guiding Star of Greenfield #1, Groton #7, Dunstable #31, Prescott of Pepperell #73, and Montague #141 have been approved for grants. Best of wishes for successful markets.

Ed Lutterell, National Leadership/Membership Development Director will be our National Representative at our 135th Session in Plymouth. Ed will be available for questions throughout the session and will be running a training presentation on Saturday afternoon. Ed is a great guy and is easy to talk to. Take advantage of him to pick his brain for ideas and suggestions. If the question deserves full exposure to the session, Raise the question and I will recognize them as time permits.

Diapers are very much in demand, especially at this year's annual session. It seems the Community and Family Action Committee will be collecting diapers for Foster Care. Let's bury them. Bring all you can.

Our diversity is our greatest asset. Our leadership training is second to none. Our potential is unlimited. Grow.



From the Lecturer's Desk.....

Welcome back to September! Are you all rested up and ready for another fast-pasted, work-filled, productive Grange year? Well, if you feel like you need to take things a bit more slowly, I can agree with that. Sometimes getting back in the swing of things takes a bit of time.

However, coming up shortly is Eastern States Exposition - The Big "E". I hope that you or your Grange has made a commitment to help out at the Grange booth this year. It is always a great way to help and to get to see what is going on in the other New England states.

There is always so much to see and do, as well as crafts to buy, food to eat, and entertainment to enjoy. Please stop by the Grange Building when you come.

And let us not forget that National Grange and State Grange Session are just around the corner. If you are going to National Grange, our Talent Contest winner, Corey Spence will be participating in the Showcase of Talent.

Please remember the deadline for all contests in all departments is upon us. Send in your entries ASAP, if you have not already done so. The contests for the 2007-2008 year are in your yellow Program Book which you received last year. I will update you more on these new contests in later issues.

Speaking of State Session, I hope that you will all take the time to visit the display rooms. I hope to have at least one completed Alphabet Book on display which has been created by a Grange and one which is in process.

Finally, I want to thank each and everyone one of you who helped make New England Grange Lecturers' Conference and our program a success this year. Whether you helped behind the scenes, carried signs

or stuffed animals, performed on stage, or just lent your support to me by being there, I much appreciate that as well as your always generous gift to me. I cannot thank you enough.

Until next month

Susan Rotellini



Chaplain's Message

My dear Patrons, I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer to the fullest. The summer months seem to pass by so quickly and then it is back to reality, work, and preparations for harvest, autumn, and soon the winter months. There are so many exciting things to do in the warmer months and so little time to do them, especially here in New England. Typical summer activities include swimming, hiking, boating or just lying in the sun, enjoying the warmth of the sun's rays. All these things are very enjoyable while the weather cooperates.

Perhaps another very enjoyable activity taking place this summer would be a trip to China, or maybe Korea. These particular places may seem rather strange when there are so many places to visit. However, friends of ours are making a trip to China at this very moment in time, to finalize the adoption of their new little baby girl. To say they are very excited would definitely be an understatement. They have waited quite a long time and the happiness they are experiencing is beyond words. Their young son is traveling with them, and all are just brimming with excitement.

As for traveling to Korea, a very dear friend of ours has had this opportunity as part of her job with a local adoption agency. In a totally unrelated incident, she has found herself traveling to Korea to meet with prospective clients, and further advance the ties with adoption agencies in that country. I cannot wait to see the pictures!

As I write this, I am very close indeed to the deadline for the State Grange News. Also, it is my birthday, and I have just discovered that I share my birthday with two very great literary geniuses - Herman Melville and Jerry Garcia. Herman Melville, the author of "*Moby Dick*", was born on this date in 1819. Jerry Garcia was

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In Memoriam

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When we are called to lay down our implements on earth, may we enter the Paradise not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and received that welcome plaudit "Well done, good and faithful servants."

born in San Francisco in 1942 and was a prominent member of The Grateful Dead. This day was also the date of the debut of MTV back in 1981. It seems rather enlightening to share a birthday with a great writer, as well as a talented musician and a long-lived music resource.

There is no doubt that things happen for a reason. For all of the happiness and joy, as well as sorrow and hard times, everything is part of God's master plan. None of us here on Earth can predict the outcome of anything that happens to us, but the book is already written. Every page of every chapter has been predetermined by the great Creator. Every event in our lives has been carefully planned, not so we could understand it, but that we could fulfill our destiny as it has been written.

Perhaps this is the reason that we look forward to each new day and to each new beginning in our lives. It is like a good book that just cannot be put down because we cannot wait to see what happens next. We are involved in the greatest story of all, and even though we don't know the outcome, we are thankful for the part we play.

Fraternally,
Randy Belseth

Quote of the month: "There is not enough darkness in the world to extinguish the light of one small candle." – Spanish Proverb

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 135TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE GRANGE (See Pages 3-7)

DIRECTIONS TO GRANGE MEETINGS

1. WHEREAS, Grange members may use computer programs, such as MapQuest, to obtain directions to Grange meetings; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that each Grange supply the State Grange Secretary with the exact street number and street name of the place where they hold their Grange meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State Grange Secretary have the information recorded in the Official Directory of the Massachusetts State Grange.

Submitted by: North Orange Grange #86

CORPORATION TAX INSTRUCTIONS

2. WHEREAS, there have been closings of Subordinate Granges and with the possibility of more closings;

and

WHEREAS, many of the Granges are incorporated and annually paying their fee to the State of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, there are no instructions with the incorporation forms for closing a corporation; therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Massachusetts State Grange make arrangements with all Granges with EXPLICIT directions to be followed for closing the corporation while in the process of closing the Grange itself.

Submitted by: Mayflower South Pomona #38

INSURANCE

3. WHEREAS, insurance companies are canceling policies of homeowners who live in high risk areas across Massachusetts from Cape Cod to the Berkshires and these homeowners are left without any insurance; and

WHEREAS, most homeowners have a mortgage or equity loan on their home and are required to have insurance; and

WHEREAS, if the homeowners can find a company to insure their home it is very costly; therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that insurance companies doing business in Massachusetts at least offer a basic insurance policy for Fire, Theft, Flood Liability at a nominal cost; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislative Director of the State Grange contact the Insurance Commissioner of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts State legislative body of both the House of Representatives and Senate about this matter.

Submitted by: The Massachusetts State Grange Family and Community Action Committee

FAMILY DUES

4. WHEREAS, the National Grange has adopted a Family Dues plan under Section 8.6.1 of the Digest of Laws of the National Grange as follows: "(A) Subordinate Grange annual dues of eight dollars (\$8.00) per member of which two dollars (\$2.00) is to be paid quarterly, or sixteen dollars (\$16.00) annually per family of which four dollars (\$4.00) is to be paid quarterly..."; and

WHEREAS, the current dues structure of the Massachusetts State Grange may be prohibitive to attracting new families and a burden on current membership; and **WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the Massachusetts State Grange to increase its membership; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange adopt the family dues plan of the National Grange cited

in Section 8.6.1 of the Digest of Laws of the National Grange to become effective January 1, 2008; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the family Dues for the Massachusetts State Grange shall be forty (\$40.00) per family annually, sixteen (\$16.00) of which is to be paid to the National Grange annually.

Submitted by: Sippican Pomona #31

ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES

6. WHEREAS, conservation is a concern to everyone; and

WHEREAS, alternate, cleaner sources of energy are beneficial to the environment; and

WHEREAS, there are several viable alternate sources of energy such as land based wind farms, ethanol, and solar; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange, through the Agriculture and Environment Committee, make it known that the Massachusetts State Grange supports legislation promoting the development and implementation of alternate sources of energy.

Submitted by: Sippican Pomona #31

DUES INCREASE

7. WHEREAS, declining membership and our expanding economy have increased the cost of doing business on the local, state and national level; and

WHEREAS, National Grange has initiated plans to increase individual Grange dues by \$4.00 per member per year over the next two years; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange increase membership dues by \$5.00 per member per year, making dues payable to the State Grange \$25.00 per year per member; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this increase begin January 1, 2008.

Submitted by: The Massachusetts State Grange Executive Committee

SUBORDINATE GRANGE ELECTIONS

8. WHEREAS, the method of election of officers demands much time and is difficult for members with mobility issues; and

WHEREAS, many organizations assign a nominating committee to present a slate of officers and allow the secretary to cast one ballot for all positions where no further nominations have been offered; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our procedures and by-laws be amended to allow elections using the above method.

Submitted by: Boxborough Grange #131

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

9. WHEREAS, part of the responsibility of the delegates to the Massachusetts State Grange Session is to vote on the resolutions submitted to the delegate body; and

WHEREAS, all resolutions submitted are given a title and a number; and

WHEREAS, the state session committee reports have not identified resolutions except by number, the voting delegates must refer back to the particular report that contains the original resolution and they are not always sure of which resolution the committee report pertains to; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that when the state session committees submit their report the number and title of each resolution to be voted on be part of that committee report.

Submitted by: Mayflower North Pomona #40

MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE

10. WHEREAS, our organization continues to experience a steady decline in membership each year; and

WHEREAS, our influence within local and state government in regards to legislative issues has greatly diminished; and

WHEREAS, the ordinary person who could be a new member and assist in our work doesn't even know the Grange exists; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange start a radio and T.V. media campaign similar to that of other fraternal organizations with the goal of better educating people about our organization. Therefore creating interest and increasing membership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State Grange budget the necessary funds for this endeavor.

Submitted by: Mayflower North Pomona #40

STATE SESSION LOCATION

11. WHEREAS, having Massachusetts State Grange Session in a centralized location lessens travel time and expenses; and

WHEREAS, having Massachusetts State Grange Session at the same hotel for consecutive years allows for ease of session set up and possible price reduction for repeat usage; and

WHEREAS, this would also add to the familiarity of the hotel with the needs of the Massachusetts State Grange; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange hold the annual session at the Milford Radisson for a minimum of five years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this begins with the 2008 Massachusetts State Grange Session.

Submitted by: Laurel Grange #161

STATE GRANGE NEWS ADVERTISEMENTS

12. WHEREAS, the budgeted cost of the Massachusetts State Grange News, as of the 2008 budget, was \$24,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this cost is the second highest line item in the budget; and

WHEREAS, paid advertising would assist to defer this cost; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Master appoint a committee at the 2007 Massachusetts State Grange Session to pursue paid advertisers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that advertisements be secured no later than June 1, 2008.

Submitted by: Laurel Grange #161

PRINTING OF THE STATE GRANGE NEWS

13. WHEREAS, the cost of the Massachusetts State Grange News is high; and

WHEREAS, this cost could be reduced by having it printed through alternative means, such as: school graphic arts departments, etc.; and

WHEREAS, this would reduce the annual budget and deficit; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange Executive Committee pursue less expensive printing of the Massachusetts State Grange News; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange Executive Committee secure contract with an alternate, less expensive printing company; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this contract be secured no later than June 1, 2008.

Submitted by: Laurel Grange #161

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE GRANGE OFFICIALS

14. WHEREAS, gasoline prices have risen steadily in the last few years to an amount approaching and is some areas of the Commonwealth exceeding \$3.00 per gallon; and

WHEREAS, our State Officers, Deputies, Directors, Committee Chairpersons, and State Committee Members are often required to attend Grange meetings, committee meetings and the like as a part of their official duties; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no policy in place that reimburses our State Officers, Deputies, Directors, Committee Chairpersons and State Committee Mem-

bers for miles driven in the normal discharge of their duties; and

WHEREAS, this lack of reimbursement may impose a hardship and expense on many of those serving as our State Officers, Deputies, Directors, Committee Chairpersons and State Committee Members, some of whom may be living on fixed incomes or have young families; and

WHEREAS, such lack of reimbursement may discourage others from being willing to serve the Grange in any of these capacities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that all State Officers, Deputies, Directors, Committee Chairpersons and State Committee Members be reimbursed for miles driven in the discharge of their official duties in the amount of \$0.14 per mile, as set forth in the Internal Revenue Service Standard Mileage Rates for Charitable and Non-profit Organizations for 2007, this rate to be updated each year; or, in an amount to be determined by the Massachusetts State Grange Executive Committee to be just and equitable. Said reimbursement policy shall take effect January 1, 2008, or on a date determined by the said Executive Committee to be convenient. However, in no event shall that date be later than November 1, 2008.

Submitted by: Sudbury Grange #121

ELECTION OF OFFICERS PROCEDURES IN SUBORDINATE & POMONA GRANGES

15. WHEREAS, it appears that current rules of election require that each member vote individually by written ballot for each office in the Subordinate and Pomona Granges; and

WHEREAS, often there is only one person nominated and to be voted upon for an office, and there is actually no contest; and

WHEREAS, it appears an inordinate amount of time in a meeting can be taken up for members to walk to and from the ballot box each time there is only one person nominated for an office; therefore be it

RESOLVED, in each case where only one person is nominated and is running for an office in a Subordinate or Pomona Grange, that the Master may instruct the Secretary to cast one ballot to elect that person to the office for which they have been nominated; or, in the alternative, that a vote by hand be taken.

Submitted by: Sudbury Grange #121

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND

16. WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is rapidly losing open space, which includes the availability and affordability of land for agricultural purposes, as well as other environmental, wild life preservation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the growth of population in the Commonwealth, but especially, the pattern of that growth of population and the growth of other necessary economic activities over the last 40 years has resulted in the unnecessary loss of hundreds of thousands of acres of farm land to Suburban Sprawl; and

WHEREAS, since the invention of the automobile as a means of personal as well as commercial transportation, and since the establishment of the National Highway Trust fund, the general growth of roadways and rights of way for individual automobile traffic has greatly expanded, and the population of personal automobiles has grown far more than might have been expected by its inventors, resulting in more and more land being taken up for the movement and storage of the automobile; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 60 % of Urban or Suburban area is dedicated to the movement and temporary storage of personal automobiles, thus contributing to Suburban Sprawl, it can logically be concluded that the personal automobile is no longer the "friend of the farmer" but the most rapacious consumer of land, like an invasive weed; and

WHEREAS, although it has long been the policy of both the State and National Grange to advocate and continue to support the National Transportation Act of 1956 which established the National Highway Trust Fund, with all funds from the collection of a tax on Gasoline to be dedicated to the continual building and maintenance of our National Highway system; and

WHEREAS, The National Highway system was envisioned by the Grange as a means of providing well needed competition to the private monopolistically owned national railroad system, to help farmers get their products to market at affordable prices, there have been some unintended consequences of this program that need to be examined and corrected; and

WHEREAS, while the intended purpose of this Act of Congress was the effective competition to the privately owned railroad companies, one of the unintended consequences of this policy over the last 40 years has resulted in the massive proliferation of the privately owned personal automobile and large amounts of land needed to be publicly 'taken' and paved over to accommodate our personal and commercial transportation needs. This has also resulted in the decima-

tion and decline of our national railroad systems for both freight and passenger services, as a public utility service, for the advancement of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the present situation on both our nations highways and byways, and our nations railroad infrastructure, is woefully congested and inadequate to the tasks we are demanding from them and the demands we will be making on them in our future economy for both commercial and passenger traffic; and

WHEREAS, The proliferation of the personally owned automobile as a means of transportation has become such a normal presence in all of our personal and commercial lives and has presented us with increased access to markets and anywhere we need to go, for either economic or recreational purposes, this has resulted in the increase of congestion of motor vehicle traffic on secondary and local roads which were never designed or developed for this purpose, and

furthermore has also resulted in similar congestion of traffic on the Interstate system that was primarily designed to be used as a medium of commercial and military traffic, we have only slowly discovered how much land has to be dedicated to each automobile that is owned by any person, not on the roads or on their own property, but in the downtown or other shopping areas we all go to; and

WHEREAS, it is not just the amount of fuel a car will use on a publicly financed road in its operation, it is about the amount of land that needs to be dedicated to individual automobiles that has to be taken into account when it is not residing in or on the personally owned land of its owner; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange support the initiation of legislation in the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to establish a trust fund, similar in intent to the National Highway Trust Fund, that would be dedicated to the development and maintenance of public transportation infrastructure such as commuter trains, busses and parking garages and otherwise used to develop other alternative transportation options in the State for both personal commuting and the transport of commercial freight; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts State Grange support the initiation of legislation in the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to alter, amend or reform the automobile excise tax laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in such a way that ceases to tax automobile ownership on the basis of the market or market depreciated value of the car, but the fact of the registered existence of the car and the potential land value that car will potentially consume, by virtue of it being a legally registered motor

vehicle in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and that the proceeds of this tax be dedicated and deposited in the public transportation trust to be used only for that purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange to determine if the National Grange could give consideration to the idea of establishing a similar dedicated Public Transportation Trust Fund on the national level as well that could be applied to the continued support of the Amtrak Rail System as well as the rehabilitation of our national railroad system.

Submitted by: The Massachusetts State Grange Legislative Director

GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CROPS

17. WHEREAS, there exists both within the United States and internationally, substantial scientific dispute about the safety of food products derived from genetically engineered organisms; and

WHEREAS, genetically engineered crops have not been proven safe for humans or for the ecosystem with which they interact; and

WHEREAS, genetically engineered foods and crops have been shown to cause long-term damage to the environment, threaten rural economies, and may impair human health; and

WHEREAS, genetically engineered crops have been found to contaminate other farmers' crops through cross-pollination, and are stringently regulated in more than thirty (30) countries; and

WHEREAS, citizens throughout the United States are taking steps to address their concerns about genetically engineered crops in response to the failure of Congress and federally regulated agencies to adequately address the issue; and

WHEREAS, in situations where scientific experts are divided about the safety of a particular food product, consumers ought to easily be able to choose whether or not to purchase and consume food products derived from genetically engineered organisms; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Massachusetts State Grange and its members encourage and support a moratorium on the further growing of genetically engineered crops within the Commonwealth until such time as there is credible and scientific evidence that these products are not harmful to our health or our environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Massachusetts State Grange and its members call upon our local, state and federal governments to support the mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered food and seeds and the full as-

signment of liability to the commercial developers of genetically engineered foods and seeds.

Submitted by: The Massachusetts State Grange Legislative Director



State Session National Representative

Ed Luttrell, a second generation Granger, is the Leadership/Membership Development Director for the National Grange. Ed has extensive Grange experience including Oregon State Master from 1996-2000. His Grange accomplishments started in 1978, when he was named Oregon State Outstanding Young Granger. He served on the Oregon State Membership Committee from 1986 to 1988 and was Oregon State Gatekeeper from 1988 to 1992. He and his wife of 26 years, Celia, were Oregon State Outstanding Young Couple in 1989. Ed served as state Youth Director from 1990 to 1992 and editor of the Oregon Grange Bulletin from 1992 to 1996. Currently Ed is Oregon State Grange Foundation President.

Ed grew up on a small farm and has worked in agriculture, automotive, services and publishing. He and Celia have three grown children, Ben, Jacob and Charlotte. They are members of Boring-Damascus Grange #260.

Ed's vision for the Leadership/Membership department is to place practical, results-orientated tools in the hands of local Granges that will enable them to realize growth through action.

Junior Grange

I attended the New England Youth Conference where the Junior Directors neighboring states were able to meet with the National Junior Director Anne Kurbuski. There are many interesting programs and contest that will be available to the juniors to enter and I will be sending information on them to you shortly. Joshua and Courtney Cunha from the SEA Junior Grange attended also and joined in with the youth. They each entered the public speaking contest.

At State Session this year we will be having our Junior Day on Saturday as usual and this year theme is Native American Indians. We look forward to having several of the Juniors there and if there are other youngsters that will be attending please let me know so that we can plan on them joining us. Those planning on attending should be at the hotel by 9am.

Caroline St. Don, Jr. Director

MASSACHUSETTS STATE GRANGE EDUCATIONAL AID FUND
2007 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

First Scholarships

Ryan Belseth *	Uxbridge	Quinsigamond Comm.	2009
Morgan Ferrick	Rowley	Johnson & Wales Univ.	2010
Eric Gregoire *	Ludlow	Fitchburg State College	2011
John Hardaker	Petersham	CTU Online	2008
Spencer Jordan	Ashby	Univ. of Mass - Lowell	2011
Jenee Lacy	Charlton	Salem State College	2010
Ryan Severance	New Braintree	College of the Holy Cross	2011
Christopher Tully *	Dunstable	Fitchburg State College	2011
Michelle Twombly	Rowley	Emmanuel College	2009

Subsequent Scholarships

Karen Ames	Boylston	Menlo College	2010
Erich Benedix	Dracut	Univ. of Mass - Lowell	2010
Katie Bushey	Beverly	Univ. of Connecticut	2010
Jason Gregory	Swansea	Bridgewater State College	2008
Allyson Hall	Stockbridge	Berkshire Comm. College	2008
April Jordan	Ashby	Keene State College	2008
Tyler Jordan	Ashby	Mt. Wachusett Comm.	2008
Ryan Lund	Southwick	Bridgewater State College	2008
Davis Snow	Williamsburg	Mitchell College	2010
Jean Snow	Williamsburg	Univ. of New Hampshire	2008
Ashley Stuart	S. Middleboro	Bristol Community College	2008
Christopher Szkutak	Northboro	College of the Holy Cross	2010
Lila West	Hope of Hadley	Western New England	2009

There were a total of 22 Scholarships at \$600.00 each awarded and 3 Bonus Awards at \$225.00 each awarded.

* Indicates Bonus Award Recipients

Editors Note: Many Grangers have submitted articles and photos for publication in this issue, however, due to the many Resolutions for State Session these articles and photos could not be included in this issue. They will be held for printing in a future issue.

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

October Events And
Activities

October 12

CHESTERFIELD #83 - Traveling Gavel Night Neighbors invited. Grange with most members visiting takes the gavel home. Pot Luck Supper 6:30 PM; meeting 7:30 PM. Kitchen committee: Lynn and Rebecca Weingart .

October 22

HOLDEN #78 - Broadway Show Tunes - Town Hall - 7:30 PM.

Mark your 2007 Calendars

Sept. 16 - Degree Day - Norwell

Oct 25-28 - 135th Annual State Session - Plymouth, MA

Nov 13-17 - 141st Annual National Convention - Sparks, NV

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Thank You

Just a note to the members of the State Grange Family for putting on such an impressive memorial service for my mother, Dolores. Thank you also for the beautiful flowers and the many cards I have received from everyone across the state. It's a difficult time but it helps to know so many people have you in their thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Gibson

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