

RESOLUTION: GRANGE REQUIREMENTS FOR GOOD STANDING

WHEREAS: Referring to the policies and requirements of Subordinate, Pomona, and Junior Granges, the State Grange of Minnesota Bylaws only refer to the “Digest of Laws of the National Grange” and,

WHEREAS: The Delegate Body of the High State Grange of Minnesota, meeting in due and ample form at the 144th Annual Session of the State Grange of Minnesota (October 16, 2016), unanimously voted to adopt a *Strategic Plan for the State Grange of Minnesota*, and,

WHEREAS: the State Grange of Minnesota needs policies that are personalized to our own efforts and traditions in conjunction with the adopted *Strategic Plan for the State Grange of Minnesota*, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the entirety of Article X of the State Grange of Minnesota By-Laws be changed to read:

Article X

Subordinate, Ceres, Collegiate, Pomona, Collegiate Council, and Junior Granges

Section 1, Subordinate Granges

10.1.1 In conjunction with the Digest of Laws of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry and rules and laws of the High State Grange of Minnesota, Subordinate Granges must meet the following criteria to be considered, “Grange in good standing:”

- (a) Maintain a membership of no less than thirteen (13) members at all times.
- (b) Maintain a membership of no less than four (4) members of both genders.
- (c) Meet in due form at least once every month at a regular time and location.
- (d) Have a Bible and American Flag present.
- (e) Open and close each meeting in due form in accordance with the opening and closing in the Manual of Subordinate Granges (Blue Manual).
- (f) Seven members physically present is the least number with which a Grange can be opened in due form, and shall constitute quorum.
- (g) If only seven members are present, the following offices must be filled: Master, Overseer, Steward, either Assistant Steward or Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Secretary, and Gatekeeper.
- (h) Be current in dues as of the Third Quarter of the year.
- (i) Submit an Annual Report of the Grange to the Secretary of the High State Grange of Minnesota by the opening of the Annual State Session.
- (j) Send representation to the State Grange of Minnesota Annual Session.

10.1.2 When a Subordinate Grange falls below the minimum threshold for maintaining good standing, they may work with the Master of the High State Grange of Minnesota to develop an agreed upon corrective plan and timeline.

10.1.3 Each Subordinate Grange in good standing will be entitled to two (2) voting delegates at the State Grange of Minnesota Annual Session. There is no limit to the number of alternates.

10.1.4 The State Grange of Minnesota does not recognize affiliate memberships in Subordinate Granges when both Subordinate Granges are within the State of Minnesota unless one affiliate membership is held in a Collegiate Grange.

10.1.5 The State Grange of Minnesota recognizes virtual attendance at Subordinate Grange meetings, so long as a physical quorum is met at said meeting.

10.1.6 Subordinate Granges are held responsible for maintaining the highest care and good condition of all Grange property held in trust by said Subordinate Grange.

Section 2, Ceres Granges

10.2.1 Ceres Granges are Subordinate Granges based at a nursing home, care facility, assisted living facility, or retirement community.

10.2.2 Ceres Granges will abide by all rules, regulations, policies and procedures of Subordinate Granges, including but not limited to the State Grange of Minnesota Bylaws adopted in Article X, Section 1 of this document.

Section 3, Collegiate Granges

10.3.1 In conjunction with the Digest of Laws of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry and rules and laws of the High State Grange of Minnesota, Collegiate Granges must meet the following criteria to be considered, “Grange in good standing:”

- (a)** Be based at a college or university.
- (b)** Maintain a membership of no less than thirteen (13) members at all times.
- (c)** Maintain a membership of no less than four (4) members of both genders.
- (d)** Meet in due form at least once every month while classes are in session, at a regular time and location.
- (e)** Have a Bible and American Flag present.

- (f) Open and close each meeting in due form in accordance with the opening and closing in the Manual of Subordinate Granges (Blue Manual).
- (g) Seven members physically present is the least number with which a Grange can be opened in due form, and shall constitute quorum.
- (h) If only seven members are present, the following offices must be filled: Master, Overseer, Steward, either Assistant Steward or Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Secretary, and Gatekeeper.
- (i) Be current in dues as of the Third Quarter of the year.
- (j) Submit an Annual Report of the Grange to the Secretary of the High State Grange of Minnesota by the opening of the Annual State Session.
- (k) Send representation to the State Grange of Minnesota Annual Session.

10.3.2 Collegiate Granges should hold a monthly gathering when classes are not in session, but are not required to open in due form or maintain quorum.

10.3.3 Collegiate Granges may not conduct business when classes are not in session.

10.3.4 When a Collegiate Grange falls below the minimum threshold for maintaining good standing, they may work with the Master of the High State Grange of Minnesota to develop an agreed upon corrective plan and timeline.

10.3.5 Each Collegiate Grange in good standing will be entitled to two (2) voting delegates at the State Grange of Minnesota Annual Session. There is no limit to the number of alternates.

10.3.6 The State Grange of Minnesota recognizes affiliate memberships between Collegiate Granges and Subordinate Granges.

10.3.7 The State Grange of Minnesota recognizes virtual attendance at Collegiate Grange meetings, so long as a physical quorum is met at said meeting.

10.3.8 Collegiate Granges are held responsible for maintaining the highest care and good condition of all Grange property held in trust by said Collegiate Grange.

Section 4, Pomona Granges

10.4.1 In conjunction with the Digest of Laws of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry and rules and laws of the High State Grange of Minnesota, Pomona Granges must meet the following criteria to be considered, "Grange in good standing:"

- (a) Maintain a membership from a minimum of two Subordinate/Ceres Granges.
- (b) Maintain a membership of no less than twenty (20) members at all times.

- (c) Maintain a membership of no less than seven (7) members of both genders.
- (d) Meet in due form at least once quarterly. Meeting dates, times, and locations may be set at the previous Pomona Grange meeting.
- (e) Have a Bible and American Flag present.
- (f) Open and close each meeting in due form in accordance with the opening and closing in the Manual of Pomona Granges (Green Manual).
- (g) Present the flag via the official State Grange of Minnesota Flag Presentation Ceremony
- (h) Eleven members physically present is the least number with which a Pomona Grange can be opened in due form, and shall constitute quorum.
- (i) If only Eleven members are present, the following offices must be filled: Master, Overseer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Secretary, and Gatekeeper, Ceres, Flora, Pomona.
- (j) Be current in dues as of the Third Quarter of the year.
- (k) Submit an Annual Report of the Grange to the Secretary of the High State Grange of Minnesota by the opening of the Annual State Session.
- (l) Send representation to the State Grange of Minnesota Annual Session.

10.4.2 When a Pomona Grange falls below the minimum threshold for maintaining good standing, they may work with the Master of the High State Grange of Minnesota to develop an agreed upon corrective plan and timeline.

10.4.3 Each Pomona Grange in good standing will be entitled to one (1) voting delegate for each ten (10) members at the State Grange of Minnesota Annual Session. There is no limit to the number of alternates.

10.4.4 The State Grange of Minnesota does not recognize affiliate memberships in Pomona Granges.

10.4.5 The State Grange of Minnesota recognizes virtual attendance at Pomona Grange meetings, so long as a physical quorum is met at said meeting.

10.4.6 Pomona Granges are held responsible for maintaining the highest care and good condition of all Grange property held in trust by said Pomona Grange.

Section 5, Collegiate Council Grange

10.5.1 The Collegiate Council Grange is a Pomona Grange made up of Collegiate Granges.

10.5.2 The Collegiate Council Grange must maintain membership from a minimum of four Collegiate Granges.

10.5.3 Apart from 10.4.1(a) the Collegiate Council Grange will abide by all rules, regulations, policies and procedures of Pomona Granges, including but not limited to the State Grange of Minnesota Bylaws adopted in Article X, Section 4 of this document.

10.5.4 The Collegiate Council Grange Master will hold a designated Collegiate Council Seat on the High State Grange of Minnesota's Executive Committee with full voting rights.

Section 6, Junior Granges

10.1.1 In conjunction with the Digest of Laws of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry and rules and laws of the High State Grange of Minnesota, Junior Granges must meet the following criteria to be considered, "Grange in good standing:"

- (a)** Be sponsored by a Subordinate/Ceres/Collegiate Grange.
- (b)** Be led by a Leader who is a Grange member in good standing.
- (c)** Maintain a membership of no less than thirteen (13) members at all times.
- (d)** Maintain a membership of no less than four (4) members of both genders.
- (e)** Meet in due form at least twice every month at a regular time and location.
- (f)** Have a Bible and American Flag present.
- (g)** Open and close each meeting in due form in accordance with the opening and closing in the Manual of Junior Granges (Red Manual).
- (h)** Seven members physically present is the least number with which a Grange can be opened in due form, and shall constitute quorum.
- (i)** If only seven members are present, the following offices must be filled: Master, Overseer, Steward, either Assistant Steward or Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Secretary, and Gatekeeper.
- (j)** Be current in dues as of the Third Quarter of the year.
- (k)** Submit an Annual Report of the Grange to the Secretary of the High State Grange of Minnesota by the opening of the Annual State Session.
- (l)** Send representation to the State Grange of Minnesota Annual Session.

10.1.2 When a Junior Grange falls below the minimum threshold for maintaining good standing, they and their Leader may work with the Master of the High State Grange of Minnesota to develop an agreed upon corrective plan and timeline.

10.1.3 Each Junior Grange in good standing will be entitled to two (2) voting delegates at the State Grange of Minnesota Annual Session. There is no limit to the number of alternates. These

delegates may consist of two (2) Junior Grange members at least thirteen (13) years of age, OR the Junior Grange Leader and one Junior Grange Member at least thirteen (13) years of age.

10.1.4 The State Grange of Minnesota does not recognize affiliate memberships in Junior Granges.

10.1.5 The State Grange of Minnesota recognizes virtual attendance at Junior Grange meetings, so long as a physical quorum is met at said meeting.

10.1.6 Junior Granges are held responsible for maintaining the highest care and good condition of all Grange property held in trust by said Junior Grange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all subsequent articles in the State Grange of Minnesota Bylaws be re-numbered accordingly, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these additions to the State Grange of Minnesota Bylaws take effect November 1, 2017.