

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers, and Members of the Rhode Island State Grange,

I am Pleased and Honored to come before you to report on the Membership Department happenings this year.

Again, this year we began with the challenges of Covid-19 beginning with our State Degree Day which was scheduled for April. It was decided with the threat of spreading the virus that we would postpone for a few months. Further in the year September 11 was chosen to have our degree day. It was a beautiful day at the Washington County Fairgrounds with a catered buffet dinner and very well attend presentation of our four degrees. A lot of Thanks, Praise, and Gratitude go to Washington County Fair, The wonderful Degree Teams from Providence #1, Washington #2, Kent #3, Newport #4, County Granges, Pianist and of cause all of those that set aside this Sunday to come out to witness these degrees. And Congratulations most of all to our 9 new members! They Are:

Portsmouth – Diona McGrath

Exeter – John Fennell

Old Warwick – Francis Smith

Paul Fournier

Donald Haskel

Ellis Tammelleo

Hope Valley – Robin Angel

Kickemuit - Michelle Andrews

Jenel Olson

August brought the Washington County Fair which was very successful this year. We did some new decorating in our booth and am very happy to report the booth was open and staffed all five days of fair. This year we decided to assist the fair with holding a quilt raffle for Hasbro Children's Hospital in our booth. Two quilts were raffled off and the total donations amounted to \$681.00.

Membership does certainly Matter and this year we wanted to recognize members that have belonged to our organization for a period of time on their anniversary of 5, 10, 15, and 20 years. We received records from five Granges and am very proud to present the following Grangers and recognize them for their longevity to our order:

Richmond #6:

5 Years - Todd Poulous

Gena Poulous

15 Years – Christopher Burns

Jim Woloohojian

Susan Woloohojian

Lauren Woloohojian

20 Years – Billy Rathbun

Greg Rathbun

Perryville #14

5 Years – Barbara Gilbert

Rodney Gilbert

Kickemuit #24

20 Years – Ann Parks

Little Compton #32

5 Years – Benjamin Goldenbloome

Brittney Goldenbloome

Slocum #36

10 Years – Martha Trask

15 Years – Linda Kenyon

20 Years – Robert Perry (D)

RW – Rumford #52

10 Years – Russell Noverca

15 Years – Lauren Kenyon

Congratulations to these Members with a combined number of 195 years of service! Also, Congratulations to the following Granges for a net gain of membership for 21-22. Congratulations; Exeter #12, Portsmouth #29, Old Warwick #41 and RW-Rumford #52.

We Truly appreciate all of you for Your help and understanding that you have given us over the past four years. They have been difficult but we have Persevered

2021 – 2022 Membership Financial Report

Total Allotment \$1325.00

Expenses:

Awards / Degree Day \$221.76

Booth – WCF \$ 21.39

Postage/Supplies \$ 69.54

Good Day sub. \$ 144.00

Total Exp \$456.69

Balance Returned to Treasurer \$868.31