



GRANGE GAZETTE

Of Rainbow Valley Grange

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Sat., September 3

Meeting @ grange hall

10 a.m.

Sat., October 1*

Meeting @ grange hall

10 a.m.

Sat., November 5*

Meeting @ grange hall

10 a.m.

**Tentative dates & times*

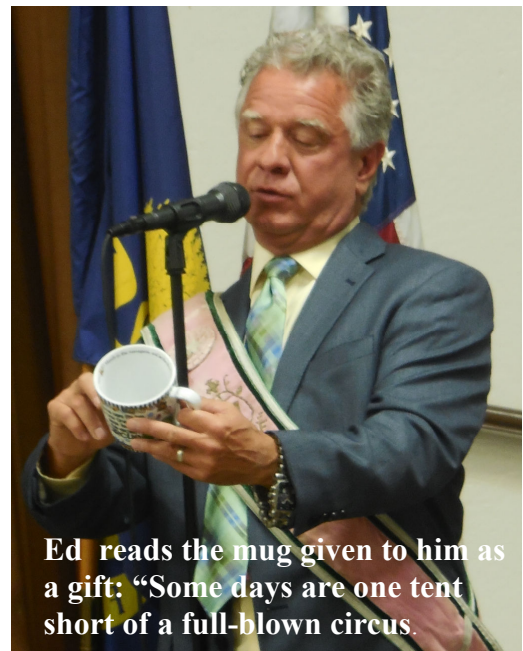
What's happening at our Grange.....

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As you may have heard, our own *Ed Komski* was re-elected **Master of the California State Grange** at the 141st annual session on June 25. He was unopposed for a second term. The convention was held at Orangevale Grange Hall in Orangevale (near Sacramento) from June 23 to 26 with the theme "*Renovate and Innovate the California State Grange*".

In his master's address, Ed emphasized the brand, history and integrity of the *California State Grange, the Patrons of Husbandry*, (chartered on July 15, 1873). I was one of our delegates for the convention along with Cynthia who is also the first lady of the California State Grange. I served as chairman of the *Citizenship and Taxation Committee* which handled nine of the 45 resolutions that were proposed.

Twenty-five of those resolutions were adopted by the delegates that represented four Pomona granges (county level) and 28 subordinate granges out of the 60 granges currently belonging to the state grange. (That number has gone up considerably since the end of June as more than a dozen Granges have rejoined the California State Grange,



Ed reads the mug given to him as a gift: "Some days are one tent short of a full-blown circus."

leaving behind the California State Guild (run by former California State Grange master Bob McFarland).

The *resolutions* dealt with a variety of topics including tombstones for veterans, no campaigning on taxpayer money, corporations are not people, label genetically engineered baby food and ban enhanced hydraulic fracturing as well as areas of grange law and grange growth and development. The committees also reviewed the legislative policy handbook to update it.

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Workshops offered included resolution writing and processing, parliamentary procedure, youth fair program, grange ritual, and a secretary and treasurer workshop. The annual **state expo** exhibited various arts and crafts made by members with jams, jellies, cookies and fresh produce from zucchini and cherry tomatoes auctioned off to raise money for prizes. We want to make entries for next year's Expo and will send out a link to the **Expo book** as soon as it is available.

Ed was asked to participate in a *California State Board of Food and Agriculture* meeting that began discussions on the 2018 farm bill on July 5 in Sacramento. He plans to hold an open meeting for local residents to discuss the farm bill at Rainbow Valley Grange in September. Anyone who would like to give him some input on the subject before then can send it to ekomski@cagrange.org.

On April 30, 44 entrants brought 186 birds to the inaugural **Feathers, Friends and Fun Poultry Show** held by the *Sun Valley Poultry Club* at our grange. Participants of all ages came from Fallbrook, Murrieta, Valley Center and as far away as Alpine, Apple Valley and Hacienda Heights, among other places.

Several species and breeds of poultry were exhibited, with classes for bantam (small) chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, geese, ducks, and large fowl. Ribbons were awarded for the Best and Reserve (second best) entries in each class as well as for Showmanship.

Organizers (Grange members Dora Friedli and Bernadette Faust) said the purpose of this APA and ABA sanctioned show was to promote small farms, small agricultural related businesses and the fun of raising exhibition poultry.

Suzy and I sold breakfast, lunch and snacks as a fundraiser for the two awards the grange donates to youth contests at the *San Diego County Fair* as well as for the **Dictionary Project** to fund dictionaries for local students.

On May 21 at the grange hall, a **chicken workshop**, given by Dora, was attended by 19 people, with three of them staying for a **goat workshop**, given by Bernadette. With their help, we will be doing more **backyard agriculture**



Bernadette talks about raising goats.

workshops in the near future. If you have any ideas or topics that interest you, let me know.

On Aug. 20, Suzy and I held a **Community Vintage Sale**. We had two tables ourselves with real vintage items from our grandparents' house. One vendor did not show up but two others did. One was selling jewelry and vintage toys and the other had a variety of vintage household goods. A total of 25 people stopped by and we all sold enough to make us want to do it again (and the grange made \$80 on space rentals). We are tentatively planning on holding the next one on *Saturday, Oct. 15*. If anyone is interested in selling, let me know. Grange members get a discount on the space fee.

Secretary's Report

Suzy Moramarco, Secretary, suncette@gmail.com

At July's meeting we gained four new members, the **Varela family**: David & Donnella and their sons Tristan & Jacob. They will be obligated at a future meeting.

Our membership is starting to grow. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings and activities. We hope to gain more members through the upcoming events.

Please let me know if any of your contact information changes.