

OREGON STATE GRANGE EXPLAINED (from OSG President, Jay Sexton / February, 2024)

OSG Financials

- **Source of OSG funding:** 60% membership dues, 5.8% building rent, 26.8% interest income (primarily from the sale of inactive Halls), 11.1% other.
- **Income distribution:** 29.3% Staff, 22.16% National Grange Dues, 12.34% Office, 7.38% Audit, 6.12% Bulletin, 5.8% Building, 3.86% Committees, 3.79 General, 2.95% State Session, 2.22% Outreach, 1.84% Lobbyist, .58% Pomona

Why Paying Dues Matters

- Dues fund the President salary (\$34,000/year) and part time office staff (\$16.50/hour).
- Other service organizations have comparative dues: Albany Lions Club \$90 per year, Free Mason \$100 per year [plus \$300 initiation fee], Odd Fellows \$60 annual (plus \$60 initiation).
- The state spends money on re-activating inactive Granges.
- The state provides the structures and services to keep Oregon Granges tax-exempt, protected with legal services, able to get Oregon State Grange loans for needed repairs and they provide matching grants up to \$5,000 two times/year (\$35,000 twice per year total).
- 50 Granges have below 18 members, four Granges have between 80/100 members, one has 104 members, one has 128 members and Columbia Grange 267 has between 150 and 175 members. *The Granges with more members help support those with fewer members.*

Services Provided by OSG

- Bulletin publication and postage
- Organizes State Grange session
- Encourages and support community Granges
- Promotional, organizational, and training supplies
- Part-time Grange Lobbyist during Legislative sessions
- Three hours of free State Grange Attorney time for consult or legal action
- Answered questions
- Officer trainings, conferences, visitations
- Organization and maintenance of tax exempt and non-profit status
- Grants and loans to community Granges
- Care for dormant halls and encouragement of re-organization of new groups
- Oversight of the sale of Grange property