

GRIT CONFERENCE 2024

Membership/Recognition Information

Just wanted to introduce myself I am Robin Kindberg the Illinois State Grange Membership/Recognition Director. I will be responsible for Grange Membership Lists, Grange Roster, Membership Awards and Recognition Awards.

- 1. MEMBERSHIP LISTS** – Each Grange is asked to provide an updated membership list for your Grange. You can either mail it or email it to Robin Kindberg. This needs to include members name, address, phone number, email address, Birthdate or at least birth year, when they joined the Grange and any degrees they have obtained (5th, 6th or 7th degrees). This is a requirement from National Grange. They want it updated every quarter right now, But I am asking for one with the September Quarterly report and one with the March quarterly report. If you have not sent one to me yet, please do so as soon as possible.
Be sure to send me a photocopy of all new member applications. So, I can keep records up to date. Remember there must be 2 signatures on that application form.
- 2. ROSTER** – Every Secretary was sent a blank roster form to fill out and was to be returned to me before October 1, 2024. If I have not received your roster, please get it to me as soon as possible so I can get our roster updated for National Grange. If your Grange has not or does not elect officers now, then send me a copy of the old officers and committee chairs asap.
- 3. MEMBERSHIP AWARDS** – I keep track of which Granges get new members as well as which Grangers sign up new members because if a Granger signs up 4 new members, they qualify to receive a Membership Plaque at State Session, and your Grange will also receive money for each new member that joins the Grange. If there are two difference names on the application forms for those new members and they are not husband and wife, then both names will qualify for the plaques. So, I encourage EVERYONE to go out and sign up new members and let's see how many plaques I get to hand out at State Session next September.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Years of Service Seals, and 25-year Silver Star Certificates are available from the Membership/Recognition Director just contact me.

All Secretaries were given a list of who is up for awards in 2025. I encourage you to honor those members. We all like to get a pat on the back sometime.

- 1. Years of Service SEALS** – I have 30, 35, 40, 45, 55, 60, 65, and 70 years of service seals available. Cost is \$3.00 each with a \$2.00 S&H = \$5.00 per seal. If you order 2 or more seals at the same time, then you only pay the S&H one time not per each seal. If I can hand deliver the seals to you, I do not charge S&H fee. These must be ordered on **FORM – K** and make checks payable to: **ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE**

2. **25-year Silver Star Certificate – (FORM K&O)**

You will need to fill out FORMS K&O to apply for this award. Cost is \$12.00 +\$5.00 S&H=\$17.00 per certificate. If ordering more than one certificate the cost is still \$17.00 due to cost of mailing it. Make checks payable to: **ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE** And mail to: Robin Kindberg.

3. **50-year Golden Sheaf Awards – 75-year Diamond Awards and Special Letters of Recognition (FORMS L&M)**

To get these awards you must fill out **FORMS L&M** – Form L is asking for the award and Form M is the one that goes onto National Grange. They **MUST BE** sent to the Membership/Recognition Director before they go onto National Grange. So, send the forms and the payment made payable to: **NATIONAL GRANGE** and mail everything to Robin Kindberg so I can put the Illinois State Grange seal on it. Cost varies: 50-year Golden Sheaf is \$12.00 +S&H from National Grange list depending on the number you are ordering. See Back of FORM M FOR S&H Details from National Grange. 75-year Diamond Award is also \$12.00 + S&H from National Grange. Letters of Recognition for 80,85,90,95 year are all free from the National Grange President. Remember they must all be mailed to Robin Kindberg first.

4. **5-, 10,15-, and 20-year Certificates** – Are available for the Membership/Recognition Director if you want them. They are \$3.00 per certificate + \$2.00 S&H if have to be mailed. Otherwise, can get these on National Grange website and S&H is more expensive there. If you order 2 or more certificates from me, you only get charged S&H one time. Make checks payable to: **ILLINOIS STATE GRANGE.**

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me via text or email me.

Fraternally Submitted

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