



## Illinois State Grange President

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October 1, 2025

Reference: Bonding of Secretary and Treasurer

Dear Worthy President

The following paragraph, 4.10.9 of the Digest of Laws of the National Grange, is provided for your information.

*“4.10.9 **Bonding-** The Secretary and Treasurer of each Subordinate, Pomona, State Grange and National Grange shall furnish, at the expense of their respective Granges, a fidelity bond or other approved surety, in such an amount as the Executive Committee of their respective Granges shall determine.*

*At the direction of the Executive committees of the various Granges of the divisions of the Order, any other officer or employee of the said Granges shall furnish, at the expense of said Grange, a fidelity bond or other approved surety, in such an amount as the Executive Committee shall determine.*

*Notwithstanding, the bonding requirement set forth, the Executive Committee of a State Grange may permit any Pomona, Subordinate, or Junior Grange to become self-insured. Each State Grange shall be authorized to create its own criteria before permitting self-insured status.”*

The Illinois State Grange permits a Grange to be self insured by completing the Self-Insured Bonding Certification section of the enclosed form and returning it to the Illinois State Grange Secretary.

The National Grange provides bonding insurance, and it can be obtained through the Illinois State Grange. The enclosure gives the rates. If your Grange wishes to purchase the National Grange Bonding Insurance, complete the National Grange Bonding Insurance section of the enclosed form and send along with a check made payable to the Illinois State Grange to the Illinois State Grange Secretary.

Please send the Self-Insured Bonding or the National Grange Bonding Insurance information and check to the Illinois State Grange Secretary no later than November 15, 2025. Please mail or email to: Brian Keller, 703 E. 2nd Street, O'Fallon, IL 62269, [brianjkeller@gmail.com](mailto:brianjkeller@gmail.com).

If you have additional questions, please contact Brian or me.  
Fraternally,

*Lynette*  
Lynette Schaeffer  
President  
Illinois State Grange

## National Grange Bonding Insurance

*Complete this section if your Grange is participating in the National Grange Bonding Insurance Program.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Grange, Number \_\_\_\_\_ will purchase the National Grange Bonding Insurance for our Grange for our Secretary and Treasurer. We wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ coverage for a premium amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Our check made payable to the Illinois State Grange is included.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

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## Self Insured Bonding

*Complete this section if your Grange is opting out of the National Grange Bonding Insurance Program by insuring with a different insurance company or by not purchasing bonding insurance.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Grange, Number \_\_\_\_\_ will not purchase bonding for our Grange for our Secretary and Treasurer. We (will / will not) be self-insured. If we do not participate in the program, it means that we are self insured or have obtained insurance elsewhere. (Please circle the correct response- will or will not.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
President