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#### **[Insert Name] Grange**

##### **[Insert Address of Hall** *if applicable*]

##### **[Insert Phone Number of Hall** *if applicable***]**

**[Insert Website Address** *if applicable***]**

**http://www.nationalgrange.org**

CONTACT: [Insert name]

[Insert title with Grange]

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**[Insert Date you send release]**

**[Insert Name] Grange presents awards,**

**holds open house to celebrate Grange Month**

**(***A better headline would be:* **[INSERT NAME] Grange honors local fireman during Grange Month celebration –** *don’t be afraid to be specific in your headline***)**

**[Insert CITY, State] –** On **[Insert date of event], [Insert Name]** Grange presented **[Name of award recipient, title of recipient/short description]** with a **[name of award]**. *[IF YOUR GRANGE DOES NOT GIVE AN AWARD, a good lead would read: More than # people attended an open house hosted [DAY] by [Name of Grange] as a part of its Grange Month celebration.]*

**IF YOUR GRANGE GIVES AN AWARD, continue here: [Last name of award recipient]** was honored because **[reason]**.

The award ceremony was part of **[Insert Name]** Grange’s celebration of Grange Month 2016. Community members were invited to attend the ceremony and open house.

***IF YOU GRANGE DOES NOT GIVE AN AWARD, continue here (include this information as part of the story even if your Grange does give an award):* [Name of community member who attended]** was among the attendees. **[Last name of attendee]** said **[he/she]** was able to find out moreabout the organization and its projects in our community.

National Grange President Betsy Huber recently declared April as Grange Month, saying, “Every Grange should take this opportunity to open its doors to the community and share the exciting news, benefits and mission of our organization with the public.”

**[Insert Name]** Grange has completed several successful programs, including **[list a few here] OR [Insert Name]** Grange has chosen to **[complete some project for the community]** in 2016.

**[Insert a quote by one of your Grange members here telling why this is an important project or why your Grange took on a recent successful project.]**

“For 149 years, the Grange has worked to advance the interests of rural Americans by providing a voice for their legislative concerns and by showing them how to strengthen their neighborhoods through community service,” Huber said. “During Grange Month, we want all of the communities we are a part of to know that the Grange is a living organization that has a lot to offer.”

The Grange not only provides fun-filled and educational programs and activities for its members, it also provides them with a forum to voice their concerns and teaches them how to strengthen their community through legislative action. The Grange is a nonpartisan organization.

In addition, the Grange gives its members the opportunity to serve their neighborhoods through community service projects that make a difference in the lives of everyone.

**[Insert quote here from local Grange president that focuses on the dedication of Grange members to make their communities and nation a better place.]**

To find out more about **[Insert Name]** Grange, contact **[Insert Contact Information]**.

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**[Insert Name]** Grange was established in **[Year]**. We are committed to bettering our community through service, advocacy and fellowship. **[Insert Name]** Grange is part of the National Grange, established in 1867 as the nation’s first nonprofit organization supporting rural America and agriculture. Today there are more than 2,100 Granges across the United States. Learn more about the Grange at [www.NationalGrange.org](http://www.NationalGrange.org).