



# Freshwater Grange 499

December 2023

## Accomplishments and Initiatives

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As 2023 draws to a close and Freshwater Grange prepares for a new year, it is with pride that we look back upon all that we have accomplished this year. Truly, the last 2 years have seen so much change and growth for our organization and our building. We are grateful to our members, our volunteers, and our supporters. Without you we would not have come so far in achieving our goals for Freshwater Grange. Here is a recap of our accomplishments.

*- In 2022, the Grange interior was repainted throughout the hall, and improvements were made to the kitchen by installing new cabinets, an additional sink, and updated lighting. We upgraded the stage area and remodeled the bathrooms and the foyer. These improvements made the hall a more efficient and appealing venue for members and renters.*

*- Since May 2022, the Grange has been serving our Pancake Breakfasts on the first Sunday of the month in the main hall instead of in the downstairs area. This arrangement increases the amount of work for our volunteers but makes it possible to serve a greater number of community members and provides expanded access to diners of all mobility levels.*

*- We have created Gallery 499. At each breakfast the Grange displays artwork of various mediums by a rotating collection of artists. Mediums include quilts, watercolors, photography, etc. We invite you to reach out if you would like to be a featured artist.*

*- Freshwater Grange has become a viable rental venue. Garfield School and its Booster club enjoy use of the hall at a generous discount and there are a growing number of weddings, birthday parties, birth and engagement gatherings, and memorial services held at the hall. A benefit of Grange membership is a discount on hall rental fees.*

*- A community member has made a generous donation to upgrade the heating in the hall. The Grange purchased a heat pump system and now the main hall is warm for this winter and will have air conditioning for the summer.*





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- The Grange hosted a variety of monthly events including lectures, St Paddy's Bingo, Mother's Day Craft Fair, Halloween festivities, Friendsgiving, and more.

-Our website, launched [www.freshwatergrange.com](http://www.freshwatergrange.com), was launched to provide the public a site to access information on our events, classes, rentals, and more. We have also been hard at work to keep our Facebook and Instagram accounts up to date.

- Members and the broader community continued utilize our classes at no or low cost. The senior exercise program S.A.I.L. (Stay Active and Independent for Life) is offered Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 free of charge.

- We continued to support other nonprofits through discounted hall rentals, donations, and supply drives.

-Keeping community safety at the heart of our development goals, we developed a plan for renovations and upgrades that would see the Grange become a hub for the community in an Emergency situation. Energy independence is a step towards that goal. Our fundraising efforts have allowed us to purchase solar panels and equipment. We will install the panels in 2024 when we have reached our fundraising goal. Please consider donating to our Rays on The Roof fundraiser!

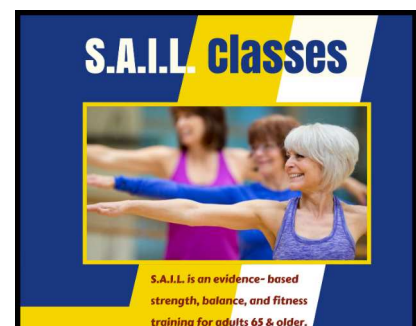
-The Grange has opened the "Freshwater Grange Fund" with the Humboldt Area Foundation. Donations made to the fund are tax deductible and will be used to pay for improvements and upgrades to the hall. Those wishing to support our efforts are encouraged to make a donation by check or online.

For online donations visit : <https://donorbox.org/freshwater-grange-fund>

Make checks payable to: Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF).

**Write Freshwater Grange Fund in memo area.** This provides you the tax deduction and directs your donation to our project fund. Mail or deliver checks to :

Humboldt Area Foundation  
363 Indianola Road  
Bayside, CA 95524



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January 1st marks the beginning of a new Grange year, and many new things are planned.

- The Grange will be working with Disaster Response Service to develop a comprehensive plan for dealing with disaster and emergency situations . The plan will include identifying our service area. Please let us know if you are interested in working on this project.

-In January the Grange will begin offering a monthly Meditation class and CPR/First Aide classes.We hope to offer training with the goal of creating a C.E.R.T. for Freshwater. Visit our website and sign up to be contacted when registration opens.

-Throughout the year the Freshwater Grange will offer Pancake Breakfasts on the first Sunday of every month (closed June & July). Our monthly business meeting is held every second Tuesday of the month. We also hold one or more social/educational events every month. Members are encouraged to attend and/or volunteer at events and to take part in meetings.

- Become a member today by completing the form below for individuals and on reverse for families. Return form with dues before January 31, 2024 to have your name entered in a raffle basket drawing. Together we will make 2024 another amazing year for Freshwater Grange!

**-Grange dues are \$40 per person. \$5 application fee for new members.**

Mail your check and application form to : Freshwater Grange 499  
PO Box 6153  
Eureka, CA 95501



## Application for Individual Subordinate Grange Membership

To the officers and members of \_\_\_\_\_ Grange No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Grange Name)

I \_\_\_\_\_ respectfully petition to be initiated and enrolled as  
(Please Print Your Full Name)

a member in your Grange. In presenting this application, I am influenced by no motive other than a desire to unite with others in elevating and advancing the interest of my community through the principles of the Grange and receiving in return such benefits and advantages as may accrue to all who belong to the Grange. I promise a faithful compliance with the By-Laws of this Grange, the By-Laws of the State Grange of California and the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Grange. I have not applied for and been rejected for membership in any other Grange within the past six months.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Application fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (must accompany application) Annual Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This Section must be completed by Applicant			
Street Address:		City	State
			Zip Code
Date of Birth:	Phone Number ( )	Email Address	
Occupation (if retired, please list occupation you retired from)			Retired? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
This Section for use by Subordinate Secretary Only			
Application Received On:		Application Voted On:	Applicant Obligated On:
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Application Received On:		Enrolled On This Date:	Member Number Assigned:



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*The Grange is a fraternal order which is open to any family. A family shall consist of a couple, a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents.*

*-Dependants are defined as children, grand or great grandchildren, foster, adopted, or step-children under the age of 23, who live as a member of the same household, or in absence due to illness, education or military service.*

*-Legal dependants of any age shall be considered part of their legal guardians' family.*

*-Family dues are \$80 with a \$5 application fee for new members*

## Family Application for Grange Membership



To the officers and members of \_\_\_\_\_ Grange No. \_\_\_\_\_

We the \_\_\_\_\_ family respectfully petition to be initiated and enrolled  
(Please Print Your Family Name)

as a member in your Grange. In presenting this application, We are influenced by no motive other than a desire to unite with others in elevating and advancing the interest of my community through the principles of the Grange and receiving in return such benefits and advantages as may accrue to all who belong to the Grange. We promise a faithful compliance with the By-Laws of this Grange, the By-Laws of the State Grange of California and the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Grange. We have not applied for and been rejected for membership in any other Grange within the past six months.

Application fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (must accompany application)      Family Annual Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by 1: \_\_\_\_\_ 2: \_\_\_\_\_

This Section to be completed for each person applying for membership					
#	Full Name (Print)	Date of Birth	Sex	Signature of Applicant	
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List Occupations for each person above					
1		3		5	
2		4		6	
Street Address:			Email Address (Print)		
City		State	Zip Code	Phone Number	
This Section for use by Grange Secretary Only					
Application Received On: (MM/DD/YY)		Application Voted On: (MM/DD/YY)		Applicant Obligated On: (MM/DD/YY)	
App Fee Received On:		Amount of App Fee Rcv'd:		Dues Received On:	
		\$			
Type of Membership:		If Affiliate, list home Grange		Reported to State Grange:	
[ ] Fraternal [ ] Affiliate				[ ] Q1 [ ] Q2 [ ] Q3 [ ] Q4 of 20	
This Section for use by State Secretary Only (Member Numbers Assigned)					
Family Membership # Assigned		#1	#3	#5	
		#2	#4	#6	

