

Junior Grange Membership Termination Change

Whereas the National Grange Digest of Laws 5.1.3 states "*Children over five years and under fourteen years of age are eligible to join a Junior Grange. (See also 4.6.1(E))*"; and,

Whereas the National Grange Digest of Laws Chapter 4, Article 6, states the following

"4.6.1 Junior Granges - Any person over five years and under fourteen years of age may be proposed as a candidate for membership and elected a member of a Junior Grange as follows:

4.6.1 (E) Junior Grange Membership shall terminate at the end of the Grange year in which the Junior member reaches age 14.

4.6.2 (F) Junior Grange membership shall terminate at the end of the Grange year in which the Junior member reaches age 14."; and,

Whereas previous Junior members that were between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years old served as mentors to the younger juniors as well as still being allowed to join their Subordinate/Community Granges while learning that level of the order; and,

Whereas other fraternal organizations offer an overlap in age between the Junior level of the organization and the adult level of the organization that the National Grange currently does not offer; Therefore,

Be it resolved that the National Grange offer a similar age overlap between the Junior and Adult levels of the organization like other comparable fraternal organizations; and,

Be it further resolved that the National Grange Digest of Laws 4.6.1 and 5.1.3 be changed to read "*Any person over five years and under sixteen years of age may be proposed as a candidate for membership and elected as a member of a Junior Grange as follows:*" and,

Be it further resolved that the National Grange Digest of Laws 4.6.1 (E) & 4.6.2 (F) be changed to read "*Junior Grange Membership shall terminate at the end of the Grange year in which the Junior member reaches age 16*" and,

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to National Grange for consideration at the 2022 National Grange Convention.