

Greater Anchorage #11
2013 Annual Report to the Alaska State Grange
September 28, 2013

Worthy Masters, Officers of the Grange, fellow Delegates, Guests and Visitors:

Greater Anchorage #11, chartered April 25, 2004 is down to two (2) members and is in "Revitalization" status. I believe in the Grange and regret that it struggles.

#11 started with 15 members of which, four never showed up after the organization meeting. One more dropped out the following meeting. Another "disappeared" the following year. The majority of the remainder rarely showed up for meetings or paid dues. Meeting dates were constantly shifted to ensure something close to a quorum. Rarely did anyone have project suggestions; or volunteer for assignments; or carry out assignments; or accepted officer positions; or recruit new members. It ended up that in an endeavor to keep the membership numbers at acceptable levels and to maintain the State's Grange level at 6 or more, I "recruited" new members and ended up paying the dues of #11's "members" for several years.

In March 12-14, 2010 the California State Grange Master and his wife and National's Membership Director came to Palmer, Alaska to conduct a three-day Grange Growth Summit to teach and form a team of Alaska Grangers on how to organize new Granges and to Revitalize languishing Granges.

With the advent of an Alaska Grange Growth and Revitalization Team, it gave hope that Greater Anchorage would have help in improving its membership numbers. It is for that reason that #11's "membership" was sent a letter asking whether or not they were interested in keeping Greater Anchorage a viable Grange. The overwhelming response was "no". This was definite written proof that Greater Anchorage needs the help of Alaska's Grange Growth and Revitalization Team. Your assistance is requested.

By

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