

To the Officers and members of the Maine State Grange

The Membership Department has submitted columns with helpful information in order to attract new membership. Please refer to the website for all past columns and information. There were no visitations or conferences due to the lingering effects of the pandemic, however, this did not stop this department from answering questions, communicating ideas, and finding new ways to attract members. Two new ideas have formed recently; one is to award new membership for their accomplishments and the other is to have Granges share on the website what they are doing in order to be nominated in their community for a Spirit of America award. The contest that asked Granges to honor their new membership over the past two years yielded no entries. However, there were Granges and individual Grange members who received the Spirit of America award this year. Two recipients were new members of my Grange, I am proud to mention.

Thank you to those who have inspired and pushed me during the past year. Remember, membership is a big concern and we should be continuously working on increasing our numbers for future generations. Hopefully, in the next year we will be able to meet, share our ideas, and build up our membership. In the meantime, keep up the good work, the good service, and continue to be a great Granger!!!

Fraternally,

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