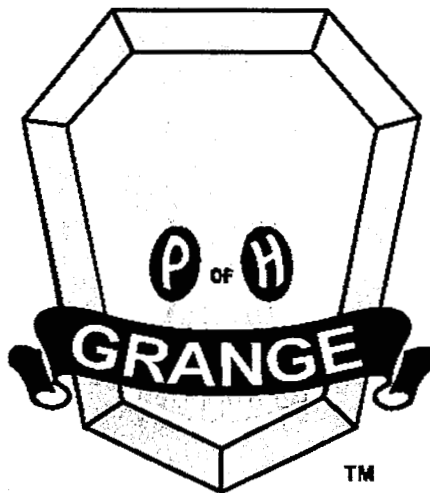


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ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Maine State Grange

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1874 – 2021



October 21 & 22, 2021

Auburn Masonic Hall

102 Turner Rd., Auburn, Maine

Organized April 21, 1874

**ROLL OF HONOR
PAST MASTERS OF THE MAINE STATE GRANGE**

*Nelson Ham	Organization to December 1877
*Daniel H. Thing	1877 to 1881
*Frederick Robie	1881 to 1889
*Rufus Prince	1889 to 1891
*Martin B. Hunt	1891 to 1893
*Edward Wiggin	1893 to 1897
*Obadiah Gardiner	1897 to 1907
*Clement S. Stetson	1907 to 1915
*William J. Thompson	1915 to 1923
*John E. Abbott	1923 to 1929
*Harry B. Crawford	1929 to 1935
*F. Ardine Richardson	1935 to 1943
*E. Carroll Bean	1943 to 1949
*Lewis C. Guptill	1949 to 1953
*Maynard C. Dolloff	1953 to 1961
*J. Merrill Hatch	1961 to 1965
*Arthur M. Perkins	1965 to 1969
*James E. Shores	1969 to 1977
*Curtis Lombard	1977 to 1985
*Clyde G. Berry	1985 to 1997
Philip A. Herbert	1997 to 2001
Steven Verrill	2001 to 2007
James Owens	2007 to 2011
Patrick Brewer	2011 to 2013
Victoria Huff	2013 to 2015
** Richard Grotton	2015 to 2017
Sherry A. Harriman	2017 to

***Deceased**

****Present during the Session**

**OFFICERS OF THE MAINE STATE GRANGE
FOR THE YEAR 2021**

Master – Sherry A Harriman	Sanford
Overseer – Adrian Griffin	Gorham
Lecturer – Margaret Morse	Eliot
Steward – Steven Haycock	Raymond
Assistant Steward – Richard Grotton	Monmouth
Lady Assistant Steward – Roberta Meserve	Raymond
Chaplain – Clayton Collins	Standish
Treasurer – Victoria Huff	So Portland
Secretary – Sharon Morton	Windsor
Gate Keeper – Benjamin Edgerly	Madison
Ceres – Kathleen Gowen	Westbrook
Pomona – Laurie McBurnie	Nobleboro
Flora – Debra Ivers	Westbrook

Executive Committee

James Meserve	Farmingdale
James Owens	Madison
Steven Verrill	Poland
Nathan Pennell	Machias

Musician

Linda Cobb	Manchester
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Soloist

Carolyn Van Horn	Manchester
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WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Margaret Henderson Dirigo
Arlene Flood Cathance Cynthia Maxwell Danville Jct.
Deborah Lancaster Old Town Riverside
Debra Ivers Highland Lake Laurie McBurnie Willow

CREDENTIALS, SIXTH DEGREE

Mavis Lane Chesterville Sandra Moon Old Town-Riverside

AGRICULTURE

Wilma (Willie) Grenier
Robert & Agnes Nelson Knox Station Steven & Susanne Verrill Excelsior
Karen Hatch Danville Jct.
Rance & Eleanor Pooler Bingham George & Glenda Barker Mystic Valley
Terry & Harriet Spencer Bingham Henry & Sharon Morton Willow

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Family Health & Hearing

Christine Corliss Hollis
Cassie Corliss Hollis Anne Staples Bangor Holly Welch St. George
Victoria Huff Hollis

EDUCATIONAL AID & HOWES NURSES SCHOLARSHIP TRUSTEES

Gerald Libby Farmington J. Patrick Elwell Fairview Carolyn Van Horn Manchester
Darlene Miles Hudson Kathy Gowen Highland Lake
Sherry A Harriman Bauneg Beg Margaret Morse John F. Hill

LEGISLATIVE

Stephen Call Old Town Riverside
James & Mary Annis Valley Stanley Howe Alder River
Steven Haycock Danville Junction James Owens Bingham
David Parkman Branch Mills

JUNIOR

Marilyn Stinson Enterprise Terry Lacombe-Stevens Tranquility
Helen Brooks Perry Kathy Gowen Highland Lake
Christine Hebert Norway C J Roy Enterprise

GOOD OF THE ORDER

James Owens Bingham
Clayton Collins Cape Elizabeth Robert & Agnes Nelson Knox Station
Wayne Sherman Wales Roberta Meserve Danville Junction Adrian Griffin No Scarboro
Sherry Harriman Bauneg Beg

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Stanley Howe, Historian Alder River
Gerald & Patricia Libby Farmington
Barry Tracy New Sharon

MEMBERSHIP

Rick Grotton Chelsea
Rolf Staples, Sr Bangor Ruby Bryant Alder River
Adrian Griffin No Scarborough Tim & Terry Wilson Garland

LECTURER'S COMMITTEE

Margaret Morse John F. Hill
Melissa Baldwin Hollis Ruby Bryant Alder River
Allison Colson Benton Leslie Guy John F. Hill
Norma Meserve Danville Jct. Darlene Miles Hudson
Nathan Pennell Jacksonville

MEMORIAL FUND

Clay & Ellie Collins Highland Lake

WEB MASTER & COMMUNICATIONS

Walter Boomsma Valley

FUND RAISING

Norma Meserve Danville Junction
Steven Haycock Danville Junction Sharon Morton Willow
Ruby Bryant Alder River Nathan Pennell Jacksonville
Merton Ricker Topsham Linda Cobb Manchester

STAGE

Debra Ivers Highland Lake David & Kathy Gowen Highland Lake
Judy Meserve Chelsea Henry Morton Huntoon Hill
Terry Spencer Bingham Maynard & Gladys Chapman Danville Jct.

SUBORDINATE DEPUTIES

Androscoggin 1 Chief Deputy
Cumberland 15
Cumberland/Oxford 21
Excelsior 5
Hancock 13
Lincoln 19
Oxford 2
Penobscot 8
Piscataquis 11
Sagadahoc 9
Somerset 6

Maynard Chapman
David Gowen
Glenn Haines
Robert Smith
Tom Cooper
Holly Welch
Steven Haycock
Reginald Clement
William Bemis
Benjamin Edgerly
Harriet Spencer

Waldo 12
Washington 16
York 14

Lois Zezima
Helen Brooks
Melissa Baldwin

SPECIAL DEPUTIES

Phillip Herbert
Steven Verrill
James Owens
Victoria Huff
Richard Grotton

Old Town-Riverside
Excelsior
Bingham
Hollis
Chelsea

**MAINE STATE GRANGE
148th ANNUAL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2021
Auburn Masonic Hall, 1021 Turner Rd**

**Thursday, October 21
8:00 A.M. Set up for the Session**

**10:00 A.M.,
Registration Opens**

**1:00 P.M.
Opening in the Sixth Degree**

The first day of the 148th Annual Session was called to order by Maynard Chapman, Chief Deputy, with the presentation of the Officers of the Maine State Grange and opened in full form in the Sixth Degree by Worthy Master, Robert Smith, pro-tem.

Roll Call of Officers

Roll call found the following Officers/Directors/Chairmen absent: Master: Sherry Harriman – Robert Smith, pro-tem; Executive Committee Members: Steven Verrill; Nathan Pennell and James Owens; Women's Activities: Arline Flood; Ag Director: Willie Grenier; Legislative Director: Stephen Call; Community Service Family Health & Hearing Director: Christine Corliss; Good of the Order Chair: James Owens; Historian: Stanley Howe; Educational Aid Trustees: J. Patrick Elwell; Darlene Miles and Sherry Harriman.

Lowering to the Fourth Degree

Worthy Master closed the Grange in the Sixth Degree and opened in the Fourth Degree.

Presentation of National Representative – Judy Sherrod, Secretary of the National Grange and President/Master of the Tennessee State Grange

Sister Judy Sherrod was introduced as our honored guest and was escorted to the Master's station. Sister Sherrod said she was happy to be here and was looking forward to what this weekend will bring.

Report of the Credentials Committee (Partial)

Mavis Lane, Chair, of the Credentials Committee gave the following report:

39 Subordinate Granges represented with 67 voting delegates

12 Pomona Granges represented with 24 voting delegates

Total voting delegates of 91

Formal Presentation of Deputies

Chief Deputy	Maynard Chapman
Androscoggin Pomona 1	Maynard Chapman
Cumberland Pomona 15	David Gowen
Excelsior Pomona 5	Robert Smith
Lincoln Pomona 19	Holly Welch
Oxford Pomona 2	Steven Haycock
Sagadahoc Pomona 9	Benjamin Edgerly
Somerset Pomona	Harriet Spencer
York Pomona 14	Melissa Baldwin

A heartfelt thank you to all for their dedication to the Maine State Grange.

Distribution and Acceptance of the Order of Business

Acceptance of the Order of Business: A motion was made, seconded and ordered that the Order of Business be accepted with changes as necessary. So ordered.

Report of Auditor/Treasurer

The Treasurer's report was distributed and will be brought before the delegate body at Friday's session to be accepted.

September 30, 2021

To National Secretary -Judy Sherrod, State Master- Sherry Harriman, Delegates and Members of the Maine State Grange,

I would like to present the following report as your Treasurer. The State Grange Investments did very well this year. These are with three (3) different firms. Avisio showed an increase of \$4,374.45. Kennebec Savings Investment Account showed an increase of \$55,676.69. Key Financial Services showed an increase of \$62,808.23. The value of these investments will go up and down depending upon the stock market. The State Master and Executive Committee have the responsibility for the custody of these funds.

Line five (5) of the State Grange Budget, seventy-six thousand-two-hundred-thirty-one and 77/100 (\$76,231.77) is the amount our expenses exceeded our income. This is how much had to be taken from our Reserve Account to balance the budget. Granted we did not ask the Subordinate/Community Granges to pay dues for one quarter during the year so income was down but that only partially explains the shortage. Our local Granges cannot operate on a deficit budget year after year why do we expect our State Grange to? This is a year we can change every line in the budget. There will come a time when we will have to make significant changes. Do we want to slowly make those changes over time or do we want to wait until there is no other choice? Brothers and Sisters of the Maine State Grange that decision lies in your hands, you can choose to make a difference now or ignore this issue until there are no options.

I believe there are 16 pieces of property currently up for or in the process of being sold.

1. Fort Fairfield, land only
2. Dexter, land and building
3. Ripley, land and building
4. Minerva, land and building
5. Seven Star, land and building
6. Indian River, land and building

7. Escutarsis, land and building
8. Greenwood, land and building
9. Schoodic, land and building
10. Riverside, land and building
11. Aurora, land and building
12. Amity Cary, land and building
13. New Sharon, land and building*
14. New Norland, land and building*
15. Chesterville , land and building*
16. Jacksonville, land and building*

These last four properties are being sold by the Maine State Grange for Granges that have merged. Proceeds from the sale of these properties will be placed in an account in the name of the merged Grange and overseen by the State Master and Executive Committee.

The first twelve (12) properties proceeds will be placed in the "Closed Grange Account" and held for seven years from when the Grange closed in the event one of the Granges is reopened.

All sixteen properties are considered an asset but must be repaired and maintained, and incur expenses such as liability insurance, state filing fees, etc. In other words, any income derived from the sale of these properties cannot be considered revenue, but we do have expenses which must be covered. You will find additional detail in the P&L Closed and Merged Granges Report.

The past year and a half have been trying for us all and the past few months have been especially so for me personally. I would like to thank Dean Davis- for always making sure that I am drinking enough liquids when I am doing my "homework." I love you. I would like to thank the members of the Maine State Grange for having confidence in me to fulfill the duties of MSG Treasurer. I believe that if we work together and support one another we can accomplish great things. I think we can, I think we can, I know we can make a difference.

Fraternally,

Victoria S. Huff

Victoria S. Huff
Treasurer
Maine State Grange



2020-2021
Balance Sheet

	A	B	C	D
1		Financial Institution	Account Name	Balance 09/2021
2		Key Bank	checking	\$53,516.07
3		Key Bank	Savings	\$175,272.68
4		Kennebec Savings	Savings	\$1,326.18
5				
6	State Grange Dedicated Accounts			
7		Kennebec Savings	CD-Bear River Scholarship	\$6,578.60
8		Kennebec Savings	CD-Camp Fund	\$48,823.73
9		Kennebec Savings	CD-Host Fund	\$54,985.75
10		Kennebec Savings	CD-Livermore Goodwin	\$50,492.75
11		Kennebec Savings	CD-Memorial Fund	\$22,341.41
12		Kennebec Savings	N. Clifford Scholarship	\$3,110.55
13		Kennebec Savings	V. Clark Youth	\$2,275.10
14				
15	Total			\$188,607.89
16				
17	State Grange Accounts			
18		Kennebec Savings	CD-Reserve	\$61,285.32
19		Kennebec Savings	Queen City	\$31,139.26
20		Bangor Savings	CD-	\$83,051.01
21		Bangor Savings	CD-	\$175,674.47
22				
23	Total			\$351,150.06
24	Investment Accounts			
25		Avisio Financial		\$54,644.76
26		Kennebec Savings		\$269,586.95
27		Key Bank	FDIC Insured Deposits	\$0.15
28			Delaware Life	\$257,341.03
29			Great American Life	\$72,801.44
30			Jackson National Life	\$201,543.93
31				
32	Total			\$855,918.26
33				
34				
35		Total Assets		\$1,437,183.25
36				
37		Committee Accounts		\$19,041.01
38		Dormant Granges		\$442,704.48
39				

2020-2021
Balance Sheet

	A	B	C	D
40				
41			Available Funds	\$975,437.76
42				
43				
44				
45	Loan	Danville Junction	Balance remaining	\$2,859.79
46		Arbutus		\$0.00
47		Alexander		\$7,758.29
	Mortgage	Eastern Star- Angels		\$40,124.32
48		Among Us		
		Northport- Shed		\$0.00
49		Solutions		
		Brooks - Harvest Home		\$0.00
50				

Closed Granges
Seven Year List

Grange	Closed	Assets	Comments
Houlton #16	Dec. 2013	\$5,459.93	
Oakfield #414	Dec. 2013	(\$821.00)	
Aziscoos #402	Jun. 2014		
Grand Lake #375	Jun. 2014	\$15,936.58	
Harvest Moon #57	Sept. 2014	(\$1,447.25)	
Rosier-Rainbow #203	Sept. 2014	\$22,818.00	
Skowhegan #208	Sept. 30, 2014	\$68,824.37	
Total 2021		\$113,038.88	
Princeton #293	Jun. 2015	\$4,061.70	
Total 2022		\$4,061.70	
Amity-Cary #384	Mar. 2016	(\$1,239.50)	
Kezar Lake #440	Mar. 2016	\$417.50	
Dexter #155	Jun. 2016	(\$2,649.03)	
Ripley # 462	Jun. 2016	(\$2,416.25)	
Machias Valley #350	Sept. 2016	\$25,152.07	
Chebeague Island #576	Sept. 2016	(\$22.99)	
Total 2023		\$25,569.57	
Robbinston #443	Jun. 2017	\$31,943.64	
Mousam Lake #467	Jun. 2017		
Osceola #570	Sept. 2017	\$13,347.40	
Total 2024		\$45,291.04	
Garrison Hill #497	Dec. 2017	\$13,855.50	
Minerva 383	Mar. 2018	(\$5,745.90)	
Verona 206		\$90,594.54	
Woolwich 68	Jun. 2018	\$23,301.05	
Seven Star #73	Sep. 2018	(\$1,834.50)	
Harvest Home 52		\$26,197.65	
Total 2025		\$153,948.74	
Indian River 330	Mar. 2019	(\$1,488.35)	
Escutarsis 231	Mar. 2019	(\$1,453.75)	
Mystic Tie 58	Mar. 2019	\$30,386.19	
Arlington 528	Mar. 2019	\$20,818.00	
Bear Mountain 62	Jun. 2019	\$33,600.30	
Greenwood 363	Jun. 2019	(\$2,122.50)	
Schoodic 420	Jun. 2019	(\$1,152.00)	
Riverside 465	Jun. 2019	(\$2,505.00)	
Total 2026		\$84,804.49	
Waterboro 432	Dec. 2019		
Aurora 202	Dec. 2019	(\$2,145.75)	

Closed Granges
Seven Year List

North Haven 496	Jun. 2020	\$57,209.78
Total 2027		\$57,209.78
Cape Elizabeth 242	Dec. 2020	\$400.10
Total 2028		\$400.10
Grand Total		\$483,924.20
Dormant Grange Accounts		
100033330 Kennebec Savings	CD-Machias Valley	\$29,561.12
100041500 Kennebec Savings	CD-Naples	\$6,465.75
100234160 Kennebec Savings	CD-Eastern Star	\$5,193.05
Total		\$41,219.92
Amount Dormant Grange Account Must Cover		\$442,704.28

Dormant Granges

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	2/22/2021	MSA Group	Bill Pay		\$ 3,017.00			Liability Insurance for Ripley, Minerva, Escutarsis, New Sharon/Mt. Philip, Riverside, Amity Cary, Aurora, Greenwood, Indian River, Osceola, Schoodic & Seven Star
12								
13	3/15/2021	Farris, Foley & Dick	Bill Pay		\$ 81.50			Minerva
14								
15	3/17/2021	Farris, Foley & Dick	Bill Pay		\$ 309.75			Northport property, Release of Lien
16	2nd QTR			\$	\$ 7,603.85		\$ 16,065.65	
17	Total							
18	5/24/2021	Farris Foley & Dick	Bill Pay		\$ 177.00			Minerva
19		Farris Foley & Dick	Bill Pay		\$ 3,508.25			Excelsior (Wales) & Northstar 47
20	6/10/2021	Farris Foley & Dick	7303	\$ 14,815.90				Osceola Grange
21		Farris Foley & Dick	7299	\$ 1,000.00				E. Batchelder Closing
22		Farris Foley & Dick	7300	\$ 1,332.50				Reimbursement of Northstar bill
23								
24	3rd QTR Total			\$ 17,148.40	\$ 3,685.25		\$ 29,528.80	
25								
26	7/1/2021	NGM Insurance	1000037783	\$ 45.00				Premium Refund

Dormant Granges

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
								State Filing fee for: Aurora, Escutarsis, Indian River, new Sharon, Osceola, Ripley, Riverside and Wales
27	7/6/2021	Key Bank-CC	Account Transfer		\$315.00			Legal Fees
28	7/26/2021	Farris, Foley & Dick, PA	Bill Pay		\$90.00			Seven Star Legal fees
29	8/27/2021	Farris, Foley & Dick, PA	9864		\$135.00			Filing Fee for Harvest Home
30	9/27/2021	Key Bank-CC	Account Transfer		\$60.00			
31								
32	4th QTR Total			\$45.00	\$600.00		\$28,973.80	

Date	Name	Check #	In	Out	Balance	Comments
	Balance Oct. 1, 2020				(\$2,487.11)	
10/2/2020	Barbershop	4376	\$175.00			
	Scavengers	942	\$300.00			
10/15/2020	Snowflakes	284	\$300.00			
10/19/2020	Dexter Utility District	Bill Pay		\$276.95		Water and Sewer
10/29/2020	Merton Mills	943	\$300.00			Scavengers Rent
11/9/2020	Barbershop	4395	\$175.00			
11/12/2020	Noreen Obrien	285	\$600.00			November and December Rent
11/14/2020	Lancaster Construction	9803		\$1,500.00		Roof Repair
12/2/2020	Barbershop	4407	\$175.00			Rent
	Merton Mills	944	\$300.00			Rent
12/17/2020	Merton Mills	945	\$33.00			Rent
1st Qtr Total			\$2,358.00	\$1,776.95	(\$1,906.06)	
12/30/2020	Robert Brown	4425	\$175.00			Barbershop Rent
1/12/2021	Noreen O'Brien - Snowflakes	293	\$300.00			March Rent
1/14/2021	Dexter Utility District	Bill Pay		\$302.95		Water and Sewer
1/28/2021	Merton Mills	947	\$300.00			Scavengers
2/4/2021	Robert Brown	4442	\$175.00			Barbershop Rent
2/24/2021	Merton Mills	948	\$300.00			Scavengers
3/2/2021	Robert Brown	4453	\$175.00			Barbershop Rent
2nd Qtr Total			\$1,425.00	\$302.95	(\$784.01)	
3/30/2021	Robert Brown	4471	\$175.00			Barbershop Rent
	Merton Mills	949	\$300.00			Scavengers
4/12/2021	Noreen Obrien	297	\$300.00			Snowflakes
4/14/2021	Dexter Utility District	Bill Pay		\$302.95		Water and Sewer
4/19/2021	Patriot Insurance Company	Bill Pay		\$3,468.00		Building Insurance

Dexter

4/29/2021	Merton Mills	950	\$300.00	Scavengers
5/6/2021	Robert Brown	4482	\$175.00	Barbershop Rent
5/11/2021	Noreen Obrien	298	\$300.00	Snowflakes
6/3/2021	Robert Brown	4496	\$175.00	Barbershop Rent
	Merton Mills	877	\$300.00	Scavengers
6/10/2021	Noreen Obrien	300	\$300.00	Snowflakes
3rd QTR			\$2,325.00	
Total			\$3,770.95	(\$2,229.96)
7/1/2021	Robert Brown	4513	\$175.00	Barbershop Rent
	Merton Mills	878	\$300.00	Scavengers Rent
7/8/2021	Noreen Obrien	303	\$300.00	Snowflakes Rent
7/15/2021	Dexter Utility District	9849	\$302.95	Water and sewer
7/29/2021	Merton Mills	88	\$300.00	Scavengers Rent
8/19/2021	Town of Dexter	9861	\$2,035.46	Property Taxes
9/3/2021	Merton Mills	883	\$300.00	Scavengers Rent
	Browns	4536	\$175.00	Barbershop Rent
9/27/2021	Merton Mills	884	\$300.00	Scavengers Rent
9/29/2021	Robert Brown	4579	\$175.00	Barbershop Rent
4th QTR			\$2,025.00	\$2,338.41
Total				(\$2,543.37)

Report of the Secretary

The Secretary's report will be brought before the delegate body at Friday's session to be accepted.

Presentation of the 2021-2022 Budget

2:00 P.M.

State Master's Annual Address

Due to the absence of our State Master her Annual Address was read by Robert Smith. The Committee on the Master's Address is: Michael Labbe; Linda Allen and Elizabeth Huff.

2:30 P.M.

Break for preparation of the Memorial Program

2:45 P.M.

Memorial Service by Clayton Collins, State Chaplain
The Memorial Service was beautifully presented.

3:30 P.M.

Resolutions by Committee Report

Steven Haycock presented the Resolutions for the Legislative Committee

Resolution 1 Political Out of State Money
Committee Recommendation: Ought Not To Pass
Resolution: Rejected

Resolution 2 Political Advertising
Committee Recommendation: Ought To Pass
Resolution Adopted as Written

Resolution 3 Local Representation
Committee Recommendation: Ought To Pass
Amendment was to strike the word(s) Office and US Congress
Amendment was rejected
Committee Recommendation was then accepted
Resolution Adopted as written

STATE SECRETARY

To: Sherry Harriman, Master of the Maine State Grange, Judy Sharrod, National Grange Secretary, Officers of the Maine State Grange and Delegates and Members of the Maine State Grange.

The covid19 pandemic has most certainly reached all our Granges and Grangers. Our Grange life as we once knew it has taken on a different form. Our Granges have used their ingenuity to continue to meet within the meeting requirements imposed to maintain a safe and healthy State.

Our Community/Subordinate Granges have adapted well during the Covid 19 pandemic and have continued to meet and renew their presence in their communities.

SUBORDINATE GRANGES

Our total number of Subordinate Granges as of June 30, 2021 is 87 which shows a decrease of Subordinate Granges from June 30, 2020 which was 91 Subordinate Granges.

September 30, 2020 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges	91
Number of Granges Organized	0
Number of Granges Reorganized	0
Number of Granges Dropped	0
Aurora 202	
Number of Grange Consolidated	0
Total Granges	91
Total Membership	2582
Golden Sheaf	263
Non Exempt Golden Sheaf	269

December 31, 2020 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges		91
Number of Granges Organized		0
Number of Granges Reorganized		0
Number of Granges Dropped		1
Cape Elizabeth 242		
Number of Granges Consolidated		1
Wales 40 with Excelsior 5		
Total Granges		89
Total Membership	2513	
Golden Sheaf	277	
Non Exempt Golden Sheaf	253	

March 31, 2021 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges		89
Number of Granges Organized		0
Number of Granges Reorganized		0
Number of Granges Dropped		0
Number of Granges Consolidated		0
Total Granges		89
Total Membership	2489	
Golden Sheaf	262	
Non Exempt Golden Sheaf	254	

June 30, 2020 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges		89
Number of Granges Organized		1
Community 593		
Number of Granges Reorganized		0
Number of Granges Dropped		2
Chesterville 20 and Wilson 321		
Number of Granges Consolidated		1
New Norland 580 with North Jay 10		
Total Granges		87

Total Membership	2465
Golden Sheaf	255
Non Exempt Golden Sheaf	282

As I prepared this report I have received 40 Subordinate Grange quarterly dues reports for the quarter ending September 30, 2021 with 47 outstanding quarterly dues reports for the September 30, 2021 quarter

Membership 2021

A report of Subordinate Grange that had a net increase in membership will be added to this report and notification mailed to those respective Granges. We recognize that fact that our Granges with a net increase during this Covid19 pandemic warrant recognition.

POMONA GRANGES

As I prepare this report I am happy to report that 13 Pomona Granges have filed the 2021 Annual Pomona Reports and Status Change Report . Pomona Secretaries can now print this form by going to the Grange website and choosing the Programs and Helps tab.

JUNIOR GRANGES

The Maine State Junior Grange No. 17, under the leadership of Marilyn Stinson & Terry Lacombe-Stevens, Junior Co-Directors has had another successful year. Through the creative thinking of the Directors the juniors met with all Covid19 requirements taken into consideration and held their yearly meeting.

CERTIFICATES

I am always amazed with the requests for Continuous Membership Recognition Certificates each year. This past year I provided the following certificates:

Alder River Grange No. 145

70 Years	Ida Mary Lovejoy
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Benton Grange No. 458

85 Years	Charles Kent
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75 Years	Edward Fletcher
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	Theresa Monk
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	Stanley Shores
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70 Years	Virginia Boudreau
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	Dorothy Shores
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65 Years	Virginia Boudreau
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60 Years	Bruce McCarthy
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55 Years	Connie Perry
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	George Shores
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50 Years	Beverley Hayward
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	George Shores
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	Janice Kent
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Richard Lawrence
Sandra Lawrence
40 Years Mary Colson

Chesterville Grange No. 20

70 Years Melissa Knowles
65 Years Shirley Heutz
60 Years Winona Mosher
40 Years Mavis Lane
25 Years Clifton Thompson

Danville Junction Grange No. 65

80 Years Althea King
75 Years William Hatch
65 Years Thomas Bennett
25 Years Elizabeth Young

Dirigo Grange No. 98

80 Years Hazel Cross
70 Years Beverly Ingraham
Virginia Spaulding
50 Years Peter Curra
40 Years C. Ronald Price

East Madison Grange No. 228

75 Years Elizabeth Russell
50 Years Catherine Edgerely
25 Years Martha Hartsgrove

Evening Star Grange No. 183

50 Years Judith Brann
Debbie Johnston
Thomas Johnston
40 Years Jeffrey Gracie

Farmington Grange No. 12

70 Years Patricia Libby
60 Years Daniel Maxham
Betty Ryder

Harraseeket Grange No. 9

50 Years Bruce Remillard
Donna Remillard
25 Years Yvonne Johnson

Jacksonville Grange No. 358

50 Years Thomas Gaddis
40 Years Benita Gaddis
25 Years Benita Gaddis

Kennebec Valley Grange No. 128

60 Years Cecil Dow

Lamoine Grange No. 264

75 Years Charles Linwood Brann

Maple Grove Grange No. 148

50 Years Ann B. Burns

Mariaville Grange No. 441

60 Years Lester Bell
Judy Bell
Isabel O'Halloran
Margaret Edgecomb

Medomac Valley Grange No. 175

50 Years Aldeverd L. Robbins

Mill Stream Grange No. 574

50 Years Judy Dunn
40 Years Matthew Dunn
Vernon Dunn
David Puzicha-Dunn
Elizabeth Dunn Libby
25 Years Peter Gammans
Linda Gammans
Audrey Smith

New Norland Grange No. 580

50 Years Priscilla Beedy

Norway Grange No. 45

70 Years Fay Turner
50 Years Linda Allen
50 Years Harlan Wyman
Neal Conant
40 Years C. Peter Hammond
25 Years Charles Hammond

No. Scarboro Grange No. 495

50 Years Beatrice M. Griffin
25 Years Kevin D. Douglas

Parkman Grange No. 305

50 Years Jacqueline Libby
Carroll Wayne Libby
Lorene Bridges

Pioneer Grange No. 219

80 Years Earl Norwood
65 Years Mildred O'Jala
60 Years Sherwood Hilt

Pleasant River Grange No. 492

70 Years Dallas Anthony

South Sangerville Grange No. 335

60 Years James Grant
50 Years Henry Flagg
Carol Flagg

Topsham Grange No. 37

75 Years Chrystal Gustafson
Priscilla Laganierre
55 Years Susan Hackett
50 Years Susan Hackett

Valley Grange No. 144

50 Years William Morton Baird
Sherrill French
Joan Wright

Willow Grange No. 366

75 Years Eunice Flagg
70 Years William Benner
Robert Clark
Ramona Gaudette
60 Years Sandee Gordon
55 Years Madeline Boynton
Beverly Dolloff
50 Years Dorothy Parker
Elsa Seeger
40 Years Bethiah Callahan

TECHNOLOGY

This past year I have been updating Subordinate and Pomona membership lists. I thank all Subordinate/Community and Pomona Secretaries for your prompt return of your membership list for updating. The 990N filings are now in the process of being completed.

ROSTER

Roster information request was mailed to each Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange to return to be returned to the State Office for this year's roster. Thank you to all secretaries who responded and a heartfelt thanks to Sherry for her work in reviewing and getting the roster ready for print.

This year we have all worked together to keep each other safe and maintain a strong grange organization. Our Subordinate/Community Granges are now getting back to a more normal schedule and are now returning to Community activities. I pray that you all remain safe and hope to see you in my grange journeys.

Our greatest asset is to maintain a positive attitude and to use each member to their potential.

Fraternally submitted,
Sharon V. Morton, Secretary Maine State Grange



**PROPOSED STATE GRANGE BUDGET
2021 – 2022**

	A	B	C	D
1		PROPOSED 20 – 21	ACTUAL 20 - 21	PROPOSED 21 - 22
2	INCOME:			
3	DUES	36,210.00	29,545.80	44,350.00
4	OFFICERS' BONDS	100.00	100.00	100.00
5	RESERVE FUNDS	109,930.04	75,829.77	87,760.00
6	SUPPLIES SOLD (INCLUDES POSTAGE)	800.00	417.60	500.00
7	MISCELLANEOUS	1,000.00	901.42	1,000.00
8	FUND RAISING	1,000.00	402.00	1,000.00
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10	TOTAL INCOME	149,040.04	107,196.59	134,710.00
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15	EXPENSES:			
16	DUES TO NATIONAL	\$ 34,000.00	31,472.00	31,500.00
17	MASTER'S SALARY	\$ 15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
18	MASTER'S EXPENSE	\$ 11,175.00	11,175.00	11,175.00
19	MASTER'S TRAVEL (Out of State)	\$ 1,500.00	1,209.75	1,500.00
20	LECTURER'S EXPENSE	\$ 2,800.00	2,799.96	2,800.00
21	TREASURER'S SALARY	\$ 4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
23	SECRETARY'S SALARY	\$ 5,000.04	5,000.04	6,000.00
24	OFFICE SECRETARY	\$ 6,630.00	6,630.00	-0-
25	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$ 2,000.00	155.17	1,000.00
26	PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 4,000.00	2,729.66	3,000.00
27	STATE OFFICERS' BOND	\$ 400.00		400.00
28	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 1,500.00	1,319.28	1,500.00
29	POSTAGE	\$ 3,000.00	2,869.65	3,000.00
30	STATE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 2,000.00	1,251.98	1,500.00
31	OFFICE EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	\$ 5,000.00	5,465.67	5,500.00
32	OFFICE RENT	\$ 17,200.00	5,648.27	16,650.00
33	PURCHASE GRANGE SUPPLIES FOR RESALE	\$ 1,000.00	448.00	1,000.00
34	PRINTING	\$ 1,500.00	1,182.21	1,500.00
35	LEGAL (Does not include closed Granges)	\$ 2,000.00	67.50	1,000.00

2021-2022 PROPOSED STATE GRANGE BUDGET (CONT.)

	A	B	C	D
		PROPOSED 20 -21	ACTUAL 20 - 21	PROPOSED 21 - 22
36	ACCOUNTING	\$ 1,700.00	1,300.00	1,750.00
37	MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 1,000.00	1,709.40	1,800.00
38	STATE FILING FEES	\$ 35.00	35.00	35.00
39	ANNUAL STATE SESSION	\$ 7,000.00	(1,109.56)	5,500.00
40	DEPUTIES EXPENSE	\$ 1,500.00	213.30	1,500.00
41	STIPENDS (\$200 EACH DIRECTOR) – AGRICULTURE; CWA; COMMUNICATION; COMMUNITY SERVICE; FFH; JUNIOR; LEGISLATIVE; MEMBERSHIP; YOUTH	\$ 4,000.00	3,200.00	1,800.00
42	WEBSITE	\$ 1,000.00	987.00	1,000.00
43	PROMOTION (INCLUDES FUNDRAISING)	\$ 1,500.00	388.33	1,500.00
44	GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$ 1,800.00	1,248.98	1,500.00
45	STORAGE UNIT(S)	\$ 5,000.00		5,000.00
46	NATIONAL HOST FUND ASSESMENT	\$ 4,000.00		4,500.00
47	(Must pay \$4,200.00 in 2022)			
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49	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 149,040.04	107,196.59	\$ 134,710.00
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**PROPOSED HEADQUARTERS BUDGET
2021 – 2022**

	A	B	C	D
1		PROPOSED 20 - 21	Actual 20 - 21	PROPOSED 21 - 22
2	INCOME:			
3	RENTAL INCOME	\$ 32,000.00	37,980.00	32,400.00
4	MAINE STATE GRANGE RENT	\$ 17,200.00	5,648.27	16,650.00
5	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 2,000.00		1,000.00
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7	TOTAL:	\$ 51,200.00	43,628.27	50,050.00
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9	EXPENSES:			
10	PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 12,600.00	11,782.94	12,000.00
11	INSURANCE	\$ 6,000.00	5,523.00	5,500.00
12	ELECTRICITY	\$ 2,500.00	2,035.50	2,500.00
13	FUEL	\$ 15,000.00	12,797.00	15,000.00
14	JANITORIAL SERVICE	\$ 3,000.00	2,400.00	3,000.00
15	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$ 8,000.00	4,564.82	7,000.00
16	WATER	\$ 300.00	162.12	200.00
17	SANITATION – SEWER & STORM	\$ 1,600.00	1,558.76	1,600.00
18	WASTE REMOVAL	\$ 700.00	740.94	750.00
19	SNOW REMOVAL & SALT WALKS	\$ 1,000.00	1,925.00	2,000.00
20	SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	138.19	300.00
21	MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 200.00		200.00
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23	TOTAL	\$ 51,200.00	43,628.27	\$ 50,050.00
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MASTER'S ADDRESS

Worthy National Representative Judy Sherrod, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maine State Grange,

It is an honor to present my 2021 Maine State Grange Annual Address. Richard and I represented Maine last November as delegates to the National Grange Session with all states participating in the two-day session via zoom, all meetings and committee work also held completely by zoom in advance. A first for National Grange and many of us. I served on the Audit and Budget Committee and Richard served on the Conservation Committee once again. Due to Covid-19, the in person Master's Conference was changed to zoom for Feb and the NE Regional Leader's Conference also was cancelled. Informative meetings were held with Master's participating again using zoom.

Maine will be hosting the 2022 Combined NE Regional Conference for Leader's, Lecturers and Youth at the Double Tree Hotel in Portland on March 25, 26, & 27, 2022, with workshops and activities being planned for each group, some planned for the entire group, and the NE Youth regional contests scheduled to be held. Suggestions for workshops and volunteers would be appreciated.

The 2023 National Grange Convention will be hosted by the Northeast Region and will be held in Niagara Falls, New York. The 7 regional states have started making plans for that event. The Northeast Region is starting their fundraising efforts for hosting the convention and each state will be required to pay a Host Fund Assessment of \$4,200 in 2022. Volunteers will be needed for the convention, please help out.

Once again, many meetings, activities, and scheduled events, both Grange and public had to be cancelled, with the ongoing pandemic. I have worked mostly from home only spending limited time in the office but still continuing with Grange work answering questions, calls & emails, creating, printing & sending assorted information to Sub & Pom Masters, State people and others. I have traveled to closure or consolidation meetings, presented certificates, signed paperwork many times, deeds and contracts for the sales of buildings, etc., 16 halls are for sale. Richard & I have cleaned out several buildings ourselves and I drove Richard to bush-hog a couple of places.

Meetings and Membership

Membership and attendance at meetings continues to be of concern and is vital to our organization, let's make the effort to be part of it whether in person or use of technology. By this time, we should all be meeting in person once again, the pandemic is not a forever excuse to not meet at all. The pandemic has given us renewed excitement, new ideas and the energy is contagious to say the least. New ideas came out of necessity. We missed being together so where we had become lethargic and bored with our meetings, a stronger sense of achievement and service to our communities has developed.

We have taken in new members during the year and some Granges have had net increases. Degree days were held at several places around the state. Thank you to all who took the time to invite someone to join and to the members who organized and took part in the obligation ceremonies and degree work. I have encouraged Granges to handle degrees and installations on their own and many have reported finding this very satisfactory. Now let's put the new members to work with something meaningful for them to do and keep their interest involved. We enjoy going to Grange, but we need to continually work to make our meetings and activities productive and interesting. Maybe this year we can turn it into a net gain.

As you have heard in the State Secretary's report, we have lost more Subordinate Granges this past year with an overall loss of membership. A few Granges have consolidated or closed, not necessarily because of the COVID-19 but had been struggling for some time. Those consolidating are working hard to make the new partnerships work. Many problems could have been prevented had our members followed the rules and procedures that we have in place, plus using some tact, common courtesy and respect for each other.

Junior Grange

Co-Junior Directors, Marilyn Stinson and Terry LaCombe-Stevens continue to work on increasing the number of active members through their various programs and activities. Covid is still disrupting plans but adjustments were made and zoom utilized several times. Junior Camp was held at Enterprise Grange and the children participated in activities that were both fun and educational. I believe that the adults who were involved also enjoyed the activities. This department needs your support to continue growing.

Legislative

Our Legislative Director Steve Call, continues to follow legislative issues. The updated legislative policy book was completed in 2020 and is available upon request.

I would encourage our Granges and membership to be more active in legislative issues in the local community. As in days gone by, this is a time for the Grange to make a difference and be an important part of our community, state, nation and internationally. We need to be part of the solution. Let us turn today's problems into something positive for the Grange.

Agriculture

The Agriculture Committee, under the direction of Willie Grenier, continues to promote agriculture with their participation in several statewide events. This committee has met often during the year taking advantage of zoom and phone conference calls. Agriculture in Maine continues to have many challenges. It makes more sense than ever to purchase locally, if we do not support agriculture in the State of Maine, it will continue to disappear.

The committee gave scholarships again this year to students going to college with agricultural pursuits. They need your help to get the word out to the schools that this program is available and certainly rely on your donations to make these scholarships possible.

Many Agricultural Fairs were opened once again and Granges participated with wonderful exhibits or displays. Congratulations. To get one of these displays in place is often a daunting task and I commend your dedication and hard work. The superintendents at the buildings appreciate your efforts, keep up the good work.

The Maine Agriculture in the Classroom annual meeting and supper will be hosted by the Agriculture Committee at the Maine State Grange once again this year in October.

Community Service

Reports and notebooks were received by our Community Service Director Christine Corliss. I certainly would not want to be one of the judges for these books, as so many Granges have done such outstanding work in their communities. I know that many more Granges are also doing superb community service in their towns but all of our Granges need to do a better job publicizing our helpful deeds. Brag up yourselves and your good work.

Women's Activities

The Women's Activities Committee under the direction of Margaret Henderson continues to be busy with many projects. Their donations toward Home for Little Wanderers and House in the Woods program through your contributions is certainly beneficial to many.

The Eastern States Exposition, known as the Big E, had record attendances this year, and the New England Grange Building did very, very well. Thank you to all who sent items for the sales tables. They will gladly accept all that you can provide for next year and thank you to those from Maine who went and worked in the store.

Publicity and Web Site

Our Web Master and Publicity Director Walter Boomsma, works at updating and upgrading the website for all of us. I appreciate his input. He will be glad to assist you with publicity, and be delighted to put information, upcoming events and pictures on the web site.

In addition to the web postings, the Grange Bulletin is printed monthly including articles by Officers, Directors and guest writers. It is sent to the Secretary of each Grange which keeps our membership informed.

The National Grange website and State Grange websites are very helpful tools for our benefit, however a word of concern, sometimes we jump to conclusions by information we find on the web or on face-book that needs a closer look or more details & information before we can utilize those ideas. Some are suggestions, not **must dos**, some ideas are not used here in Maine but are in place in other states. As an example the title of Master and President are interchangeable or suggested for use, or both may be used together but the title president is not mandatory.

Fundraising

A few years ago, we set up a fundraising committee and Norma Meserve currently is chairman. The committee has been dedicated in their fundraising efforts but with the covid issues still effecting us, the committee was not as successful as in past years but still works for the good of the Grange and we appreciate what has been done, the yard sale another success.

Educational Aid and Howes Nurses' Scholarship

This committee continues to award scholarships to deserving recipients but are still in need of your assistance to get the word out that these scholarships are available and your continued donations are needed to keep these scholarship programs viable.

Headquarters

The Maine State Grange headquarters building was taken off the market when the contract expired. We had quite a number of showings during the past few years while it was listed and the potential buyers have been very impressed with the size of the building and its appearance for its age. However, they did comment about the cost of converting it over to all offices, other potential uses or upgrading it. We have had the front porch pillars repaired & painted, the porch floor painted, and we also had the bulkhead sealed. If you look at the building on the outside, you will see peeling paint around windows and corners, face boards coming loose here and there, some bricks falling off the chimney and a few other needed repairs. Inside some upkeep is also needed. We will keep plugging away with our upkeep.

Sharon and Henry Morton spend a lot of time at our building, doing a whole variety of BIG jobs and extras, like letting in the plumber, electrician, furnace man, finding circuit breakers when the power goes out in one of the officers upstairs, putting in the air conditioners and the list goes on and on for the good of the Grange and not because they have to, or are asked to, but because they care about the Grange. Most recently they have been chasing away the vagrants who have taken a liking to our porches and extra eaves to get out of the rain. The police have come a couple of times and removed people. Sharon put up no trespassing signs as recommended by the officers, and Henry puts their belongings near the dumpster the first day then throws the items away if not removed, as instructed by the police. I don't think these jobs are the Office Secretary's obligation, more a maintenance issue but she is in the office and does them. For all **the extra** things they do for the Grange and the building, thank you doesn't cover my appreciation for their efforts. THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH!

In addition, Sharon, I can't thank you enough for all your help and assistance you have given me, doing a lot of things which are not part of the State Secretary's job, but someone needed to do it, and she has volunteered to take on these tasks, doing a lot of behind the scenes work. I appreciate you more than I can say.

In Conclusion

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this job easier and keeping our organization moving and to each of you who do so much to make our Granges grow and prosper. I certainly appreciate the efforts of our Members, Deputies, Directors and Committees who worked diligently on behalf of the Grange with the restrictions being in place during the past couple of years and wish us all success in the coming year. It is hard work, no doubt about it, but the rewards are worth it. Thank you to Jim Owens, past Master, for your advice, guidance, counsel and friendship. A special, thank-you Richard for your support and strength through the good happenings and some very difficult Grange situations & decisions, love you.

We are recovering and making progress once again and I am looking forward to a successful year in our State Grange and hope all our Granges prosper.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry A. Harriman, Master
Maine State Grange

MAINE STATE GRANGE MEMORIAL SERVICE - 2021

THIS PROGRAM SHALL PROCEED WITHOUT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SMALL BARE CROSS IS PLACED ON ALTAR.

HALL IS DARK. SPOTLIGHT ILLUMINES OPENED BIBLE UPON THE ALTAR.

READING: THOUGHTS - "It is said that branches draw their life from the vine. Each is separate and yet all are one as they share one life giving stem. The Bible tells us that we are called to a similar union in life, our lives with the life of God. We are incorporated into Him; made sharers in His life. Apart from this union, we can do nothing.

CLAY COLLINS, CHAPLAIN, MSG

SONG - "HOW GREAT THOU ART" [FIRST VERSE]

DEBRA IVERS, FLORA, MSG

[AFTER SONG, SPOT IS TURNED OFF AND HOUSE LIGHTS TURNED ON.]

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:4

CLAY COLLINS, CHAPLAIN, MSG

READING:

CLAY COLLINS, CHAPLAIN, MSG

IN OUR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES, WE SOMETIMES GET WRAPPED UP IN OUR PERSONAL AND FAMILY LIVES THAT WE DO NOT TAKE THE TIME TO, AS WE SAY, "SMELL THE ROSES". NOW IS THE FITTING AND PROPER TIME TO PAUSE FOR A BIT, AND TAKE THE TIME TO SMELL THOSE ROSE, PINE TREES, OR WHATEVER MIGHT BE AROUND. WHILE WE ARE IN THIS QUIET STATE OF MIND, IT WOULD BE A PERFECT TIME TO PAY REVERENT TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE GONE ON BEFORE LEAVING US THE TASK OF CARRYING ON THE TASK THEY SO NOBLY STARTED WHILE HERE AMONGST US. THIS IS A TENDER HOUR OF RECOLLECTION FOR LOVING THOUGHTS, FOR PEACE AND THANKFULNESS FOR THOSE QUALITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH ENDEAR EACH OF OUR DEPARTED TO US. THEIR MEMORY SHALL BE TO US A LIVING FORCE, A SWEET COMPANIONSHIP ALWAYS. MAY WE FEEL THAT THEIR PRESENCE IS EVER NEAR US, EVER INSPIRING, EVER ENCOURAGING US IN THE WORK THAT WE SHALL DO. WITH FAITH THE ONLY KEY, GOD OPENS THE DOOR TO HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM.

SONG: "IN THE BULB, THERE IS A FLOWER" [THREE VERSES]

DEBRA IVERS, FLORA, MSG

[AS SONG IS BEING SUNG, READER WILL PLACE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR, READ TRIBUTE, THEN LEAVE]

TRIBUTE: TO ALL FORMER OFFICERS OF MAINE STATE GRANGE

ELMIRA COLLINS, FORMER L.A.S., MSG

READING:

"THE BROKEN CHAIN"

CLAY COLLINS, CHAPLAIN, MSG

Little did we know that morning that God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,

You did not go alone;

For a part of us went with you the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories; your love is still our guide,

And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but

As God calls us, one by one, the chain will link again.

SONG: "MORNING HAS BROKEN" [THREE VERSES] **DEBRA IVERS, FLORA, MSG**
[AS SONG IS BEING SUNG, READER WILL PLACE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR, READ TRIBUTE, THEN LEAVE]

TRIBUTE: **TO ALL FORMER DEPUTIES & JR. DEPUTIES** **JAMES OWENS, EXEC COMM, MSG**

READING: "FILL NOT YOUR HEARTS" **CLAY COLLINS, CHAPLAIN, MSG**

Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow,
But remember me in every tomorrow,
Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles,
I've only gone to rest a little while.

Although my leaving causes pain and grief,
my going has eased my hurt, and given me relief.
So dry your eyes and remember me,
Not as I am now, but as I used to be.

Because, I will remember you all, and look on with a smile,
Understand, in your hearts, I've only gone to rest a while.
As long as I have the love of each of you,
I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.

SONG: "JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE" [THREE VERSES] **DEBRA IVERS, FLORA, MSG**
[AS SONG IS BEING SUNG, READER WILL PLACE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR, READ TRIBUTE, THEN LEAVE]

TRIBUTE: **TO SUBORDINATE MEMBERS** **RICK GROTTON, ASSISTANT STEWARD, MSG**

TRIBUTE: **ALL HEROES** **CLAY COLLINS, CHAPLAIN, MSG**

At the beginning of this service, we gave tributes to our former State Officers, the former Deputy Masters and Junior Deputies, and all Subordinate members. Now, we should pay tribute to all of the heroes that, work very hard each day to keep us safe and healthy.

A hero, as defined by 'Webster's Dictionary', is a person with great courage, nobility. We see acts of heroism everyday of the year, but do we really acknowledge them. We take them for granted. The police as they risk their lives everyday to keep the peace; the fire fighters (EMS) who protect our lives and property; and the military who keep our country safe from our enemies.

These many individuals throughout our great land are risking their lives on a daily bases to make sure that we remain safe. NINE-ELEVEN made us all stop and realize that if it were not for the EMS, fire fighters, police, and military many more people would have died that terrible day. They risked their own lives, some even paying the highest price of all - their own life, to save the lives of strangers caught in the towers!

Let us be in the spirit of prayer:

Eternal Father, Master of us all, we commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women in our armed forces, at home and abroad, and all the first responders. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them the courage and strength to face the perils that beset them; help them to know that none can pluck out of thy hand those who put their trust in thee. Amen.

SONG: "LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH"

DEBRA IVERS, FLORA, MSG

[AS SONG IS BEING SUNG, READER WILL BACK AWAY FROM ALTAR, THEN RETURN TO SEAT]

CHAPLAIN: Worthy Master, this concludes the memorial service.

Tribute to Former State Officers

The Rose Beyond the Wall – A. L. Frink

**Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.**

**As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.**

**Onward it crept with added strength,
With never a thought of fear or pride;
It followed the light through the crevice-length
And unfolded itself on the other side.**

**The light, the dew, the broadening view.
Were found the same as they were before;
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Breathing its fragrance more and more.**

**Shall claim of death us to grieve
And make our courage faint and fall?
Nay, let us faith and hope receive;
The rose still grows beyond the wall,**

**Scattering fragrance far and wide,
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will forevermore.**

Brothers and Sisters, as springtime comes again bringing new life to tree and shrub, vine and flowers, it is fitting that we should pause to pay tribute to the memory of our former State Officers, who, having finished their labors, have laid down their implements on earth, to enter the paradise, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We know that our Order is richer because they have lived and labored amongst us. May we be forever grateful for the heritage that is ours, and let us be worthy to carry on the work that they have so well advanced.

God, who made the world, set the example of labor and sanctified it and made it the necessity of his creatures. Every good thing that we now enjoy is the fruit of honest labor. We must recognize our debt to those who came before us and our obligation to carry on and enlarge the works they have established.

Our debt to the past can be paid only to the future. As we gaze upon the beauty of field and forest, lake and stream, mountain, valley and rugged coast, we must realize that the work of the Great Master was passed on to those who preceded us and we must pass it on to those who follow us. Our life on earth is transitory but our country and our order are perpetual.

As we recall the memory of those no longer with us, it should not be in a spirit of mourning, but rather of thankfulness that we were privileged to know them and work with them. I place this garnered grain on this altar as a symbol of the Faith in which they sowed and reaped. These fruits represent the Hope symbolized by lives, well spent in the service of mankind. And may the beauty and fragrance of these flowers remind us ever of the charity they dispensed so freely to those less fortunate than they. May the memory of the good deeds and faithful work of our Brothers and Sisters guide us ever on to broader fields of endeavor, and greater zeal in carrying out the tasks that are still unfinished. Our faith tells us that our friends have not ceased to exist, they have on;y passed from one life to another, for

**Somewhere back of the sunset
Where loveliness never dies
They live in a land of glory
With the blue and gold of the skies.**

Let us pray: Our Father, we thank you for these friends so dear that hand-in-hand walked earth's pathways with us. May all their noble purposes and aspirations find expression in our daily lives. May this Order be dearer, may loving kindness guide our acts, and simple faith control our thoughts. Amen



IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF ALL
FORMER
OFFICERS OF THE
MAINE STATE
GRANGE

TRIBUTE TO PAST STATE DEPUTIES

James A. Owens

It is a privilege to be able to honor our Past Deputies of the Maine State Grange today.

*But now, alas! The place seems changed;
Thou art no longer here,
Part of the sunshine of the scene
With thee did disappear.*

*Though thoughts, deep-rooted in my heart,
Like the pine-trees dark and high,
Subdue the light of noon, and breathe
A low and ceaseless sigh;*

*This memory brightens o'er the past,
As when the sun, concealed
Behind some cloud that near us hangs
Shines on a distant field*

Longfellow

What does it mean to be a Deputy? Deputies of the Maine State Grange are loyal devoted Patrons who can be depended upon when called for whatever may arise. Our Deputies are there to celebrate with our Granges, offer instruction in the ritual of the Order, and help keep our Granges running smoothly. Our Deputies can be found performing several functions at the annual State Grange convention, making sure that everything runs efficiently. To these Brothers and Sisters who have performed these duties and have labored diligently over the years, we express our deepest gratitude and say "Well done Good and Faithful Servants".

Once again our fraternal chain has been broken and we now pay tribute three of these devoted members:

Terry Dwyer, Oakfield Grange No. 414, Deputy of Aroostook-Penobscot Union
Pomona No. 17 (2010-2012)

Arvid Roberts, Mousam Lake Grange No. 467, Deputy of York Pomona Grange No.
14 (1986-1993)

TRIBUTE TO PAST STATE DEPUTIES

James A. Owens

Frances Grant Roberts, Mt. Etna Grange No. 147, Junior Deputy of Cumberland-
Oxford Union Pomona Grange No. 21 (1956-1959)

*Toiling – rejoicing – sorrowing,
Onward through life he goes
Each morning sees some task begun,
Each Evening sees it close
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose.*

*Thanks, thanks to thee, my worthy friend,
For the lesson thou has taught!
Thus at the flaming forge of life
Our fortune must be wrought.
Thus on its sounding anvil shaped
Each burning deed and thought!*

Longfellow



IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF ALL
FORMER
DEPUTIES AND JR.
DEPUTIES OF THE
MAINE STATE
GRANGE

Tribute to Subordinate Grangers

What is an organization without members? What makes an organization successful? The membership of course. The Order of Patrons of Husbandry has survived for 154 years due to dedicated Subordinate Granges and their faithful members. That is quite a run and it still is going strong today. The ladder to success in the Grange starts with the Subordinate Grange where we learn our lessons of Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity. It is the base or foundation upon which the success of the Grange relies. Many of us joined a Subordinate Grange to become involved with our Community and found ourselves moving up to become State and National Officers.

The lessons of the Subordinate Grange helped us become leaders, volunteers, and improved our lives in so many ways. It has changed our lives to become better citizens, helpful to others and to pleasing God and the Universe. The Subordinate Grange also teaches us to care for one another as one big family and to create lifelong bonds. This is beyond the basic lessons of the Subordinate Grange. We learn devotion, trust, giving love and sharing happiness. We learn about ourselves and our abilities. Our lives have been touched by the works of our predecessors from years past and those of today.

Pandemics, epidemics and two World Wars have not slowed us down. Subordinate Granges have endured these disasters due to the ability of the Subordinate Grange members to make quick and necessary changes in order to survive. This speaks volumes about the work of the devoted and faithful members, many who have been dedicated to the order for most of their lives. We haven't changed much of our rituals or traditions; only the operating procedures concerning the way the Subordinate Grange helps the community. Instead of public suppers, we do drive by meals; we have implemented social media in the way we advertise; members are able to attend meetings via computers. Each Subordinate Grange has developed changes to survive based upon their needs and that of their communities.

So, thanks to our strong foundations the Subordinate Granges provide and the work of their members past and present, we are able to enjoy our organization today and maintain the ability to happily touch the lives of the members of our communities. To the Subordinate Grangers, we give our love and appreciation.



IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF ALL FORMER
SUBORDINATE
GRANGE MEMBERS
OF THE
MAINE STATE
GRANGE



*Remember
our heroes!*

*Greater love has no one than this,
that to lay down one's life for his friends.* John 15:13

IN LOVING
TRIBUTE
TO ALL
HEROS

Resolution 4 State and Federal Funding of Books for Pre-school Children
Committee Recommendation: Ought To Pass
Resolution Adopted as Written

Resolution 8 Dedication for Fallen Maine State Troopers
Committee Recommendation: Ought to Pass
Resolution Adopted as Written

5:00 P.M.

Close in the Fourth Degree

The first day of the 148th Annual Session of the Maine State Grange was closed in full form in the Fourth Degree.

6:00 P.M.

Banquet "**So Glad You Stars Are Here**"

Pine Cone Eastern Star Chapter #26

Junior Program/Presentation; Recognition of Former Officers of Maine State Grange Awards & Presentations; Community Service, Family Health & Hearing Outstanding Granger, Membership, Educational Aid and Howes Nurses Scholarships, Home for Little Wanderers check and donated gifts and House in the Woods plus pennies

After a delicious meal, catered by the Pine Cone Eastern Star Chapter #26, the following presentations were made:

Junior Program: The Juniors marched into the hall singing the 16 Counties of Maine Song which they had learned for Maine's celebration. They presented the Junior Grange Candle Lighting Ceremony. The Maine State Junior Grange Committee is made up of Marilyn Stinson and Terry Lacombe Stevens: Co-Directors: Committee Members: C. J. Stinson, Carrie Coffin; Christine Hebert; Terry & Tim Wilson and Kathy Gowen. A job well done.

Presentation of the Former Officers of the Maine State Grange

Master: Richard Grotton; Secretary: Patricia Libby; Assistant & Lady Assistant Steward: Clayton & Elmira Collins; Steward: Adrian Griffin; Ceres: Christine Hebert; Harriet Spencer; Linda Sherman & Gladys Chapman; Chaplain: Gladys Chapman; Flora: Roberta Meserve & Debra Ivers; Gatekeeper: Terry Spencer & Henry Morton.

Awards and Presentations

Christine Corliss, Director, Community Service/Family Health & Hearing presented her awards.

I want to congratulate everyone who turned in an Activity Sheet, Community Service Book or Family, Health & Hearing Report.

I want to say a great big congratulations to everyone who entered a Community Service Book as the scores were very close.

I would also like to make the announcement that no one will be here for Community Service tomorrow but books will be available for sign out and there will be packets on the table. The only book not to be taken and will not be on the table will be the first place winner. That one will be sent to National.

So at this time I would like to ask for a representative from the following four Granges to come up to the front. Highland Lake; Jonesboro; Maple Grove and Valley.

4th Place –Community Service Book – check for \$50.00
Valley Grange #144

3rd Place – Community Service Book – check for \$150.00
Jonesboro Grange #357

2nd Place – Community Service Book – check for \$150.00
1st Place Family Health & Hearing – check for \$50.00
Highland Lake Grange #87

1st Place – Community Service Book – check for \$250.00
Maple Grove Grange #148

Granger of the Year is a category we added 4 years ago to honor a Granger each year that goes above and beyond in Community Service and who demonstrates the Spirit of Being a Granger. The individual who won this year has dedicated her own time, money and supplies to bring joy to her community. She took the time to make a lobster pot Christmas tree and changes its decoration to fit upcoming holidays and seasons. She strives to bring the community together to do a variety of events at her Grange.

I would like a representative from Jonesboro Grange to come forward at this time to accept an award on behalf of Rebekkah Cox as the 2021-2022 Granger of the year. Rebekkah was presented with a lovely glass trophy.

Rebekkah will receive a check made out to a charity of her choosing in the amount of \$100.00.

Just a note at this time the National Coups For Troops program is no longer in existence but through the contacts I have made we are continuing our own version of the same program.

Thank you all very much for all you have done to help our committee over the years.

Membership

Richard Grotton, Director, says that he is willing and able to help anyone with membership. Also he is asking all Granges to make their new members wanted and provide him with information of your new members.

Educational Aid and Howes Nurses Scholarship Awards

Vice President, Gerald Libby, told us that they awarded one scholarship this year for \$700.00, the reason being they only received one application. Next year when the appeal letter is received find an individual who can apply and please find a little more in your coffers for this very worthy cause.

Home for Little Wanderers and House in the Woods

Margaret Henderson, Director, Women's Activities announced that she was unable to get someone from the Home for Little Wanderers but will see that the monies received will be presented to this soon.

Margaret also said that she will contact Richard Harriman and will present him with check for donations received for House in the Woods. Pennies were presented at this time and Henry and Sharon Morton will see that Richard receives the pennies.

This concludes our evening festivities and so a great big thank you to our Lecturer, Margaret Morse, and her committee for the beautiful table decorations and our little bag of candy.

Friday October 22

8:00 A.M.

Opening in the Fourth Degree

The second day of the 148th Annual Session of the Maine State Grange was opened in full form in the 4th Degree by Robert Smith, Master Pro-tem.

Judy Sherrod, Secretary of the National Grange and Master of the Tennessee State Grange was introduced as our honored guest. Sister Judy acknowledges the fact that under the adversities that we have faced this weekend and how we overcame them to continue the work of the Maine State Grange.

Brother Bob thanked all the delegates and other members who stayed and made this session possible.

Roll Call of Officers

Roll call found the following Officers, Directors or Committee members absent: Master: Robert Smith, pro-tem; Treasurer; 3 members of the Executive Committee; 2 members of the Women's Activities Committee; Ag Director; Legislative Director; Good of the Order Chair; Historian; Webmaster-Communications Director; 4 members of the Trustees of the Educational Aid and Howes Nurses Fund.

Reading and Adopting the Minutes of Thursday's Session

The minutes of Thursday's Session was read and adopted with additions/corrections made and ordered printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Acceptance of the Master's Address

Acceptance of the Master's Annual Address was given by Michael Labbe for the Committee on the Master's Address.

The Committee for the Master's Address has found her statements to be positive even though we recognize that the last two years have been difficult.

She has reported in this challenging role that she is in, that she continues her obligation and position in the roles as the State Master.

We are excited she is encouraging the Maine Granges to get back to normal operations. We are also excited to hear that some Granges have had net increase in membership in these turbulent times we have been facing.

Her reports of the Committees were informative and supportive of their continued endeavors for 2022.

In conclusion, we the Committee find her address to be over all informative, instructive, encouraging, and show her ability to ask Past Master's and others for guidance when needed.

Signed: Michael Labbe; Elizabeth Huff and Linda Allen

Acceptance of the Treasurer' Report

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as written and ordered printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Acceptance of the Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was accepted as written and ordered printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Report of Credentials Committee (Partial)

Mavis Lane, Chair of the Credentials Committee, gave the following partial report: To the Worthy Master, Delegates, National Grange Secretary, Judy Sherrod:

We the registration committee wishes to make this following report:

39 Granges represented with 70 delegates

12 Pomona Granges with 24 delegates

We wish to thank Sister Sharon for all her help.

Respectfully submitted, Mavis Lane and Sandra Moon

8:30 A.M.

Acceptance of 2021-2022 Budget

The 2021-2022 Budget was presented for acceptance.

Question regarding the Officer's Bonds (line 5) and State Officer's Bonds. Line 5 was explained to the delegate body that that was the amount that our Subordinate Granges pay to the State Grange to bond their officers and State Officer's Bonds line is what the State Grange pays National Grange to bond our State Officers.

Question regarding the removal of the Office Secretary position. It was explained that this position had been done away with by consent of the Master and Executive Committee.

After this discussion it was so moved and seconded to accept the 2021-2022 Budget as presented and by vote so ordered and will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Election of Officers

Election of Officers: Table 1: Debra Ivers; Tim Wilson and Betty Huff
Table 2: Susie Faulkner; Pete Ivers and Darrell Huff
Total # of Delegates: 81

The election of Officers: 2021-2023
Master/President: Sherry Harriman; Overseer/Vice President: Adrian Griffin;
Lecturer: Margaret Morse; Steward: Steven Haycock; Assistant Steward:
Richard Grotton; Lady Assistant Steward: Roberta Meserve; Chaplain:
Clayton Collins; Treasurer: Victoria Huff; Secretary: Sharon Morton;
Gatekeeper: Benjamin Edgerly; Ceres: Kathy Gowen; Pomona: Laurie
McBurnie; Flora: Debra Ivers; Executive Committee 3 years: Darrell Huff and
Executive Committee 4 years: James Owens

Resolutions by Committee Reports (worked in during elections)

Resolutions for the Good of the Order were presented by Clayton Collins.

Resolution 5 Accounting for Custodial Accounts

Committee Recommendation: Ought to Pass

Committee Recommendation: Accepted

Resolution adopted as written

Resolution 6 Merging Granges

Committee Recommendation: Ought to Pass as Rewritten

Committee Recommendation: Accepted

Resolution adopted as rewritten

Rewrite: ... therefore, be it

RESOLVED: When Granges consider merger, the merging Granges will be provided a written reminder of the proper procedures and policies of the Maine State Grange and National Grange about such mergers. And be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: the Subordinate/Community Grange be given a written estimate of the known minimum legal fees and hourly rates charged by the Maine State Grange Attorney.

Resolution 7 Updating Alternative (Action) Granges

Resolution declared out of order

Resolution 9 Meeting Schedules

Resolution declared out of order

Reason for Resolutions 7 and 9 being declared out of order is:

These are National By-Law changes and the resolutions must be written to indicate exactly what area of the by-law needs changing.

Acceptance of Written Reports of Officers and Committee

Motion moved and seconded to accept the reports and by vote so ordered.

These reports will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Later it was noted

that under the 2021 Ag Fair Results that there was an exhibit at the North New Portland Lions Fair which was Kennebec Valley Grange with 1st place.

10:30 A.M. – 10:45 Am

Break

12:00 P.M.

Ag Luncheon

**Speaker from the Department of Agriculture
Presentation of the Tree Farmer of the Year
Farm Family Enterprise Award**

Due to circumstances our Speaker from the Department of Agriculture and our Tree Farmer of the Year and our Farm Family enterprise Awardees were advised it be best not to come.

We did enjoy a delicious lunch prepared for us by the Pine Come Easter Star.

1:30 P.M.

Session called back to order

Speaker National Representative Judy Sherrod

National Representative, Judy Sherrod, shared with the delegate body a few words from National Grange called Talking Points. She then told us that her State Grange is the smallest as she has only 6 Subordinate Granges. She told us that every other year when they don't have election they have Grange Trivia. This year's session was held outside under a pavilion. She also had a few stories to tell involving the Graces, Debra, Kathy and Laurie; Rick and Roberta and last but not least Sharon Viola Manley Morton. Thank you Sister Judy we all enjoyed you and wish you the best Grange year. Sister Judy was presented with a small gift of our appreciation.

Elections Continue
No other action needed

Resolutions by Committee Reports
No other action needed

Report of the Credentials Committee (Final)
No other action needed

Close in the Fourth Degree

The Worthy Master, Robert Smith, closed the second day of the 148th Annual Session of the Maine State Grange in the Fourth Degree.

Installation of Officers

At this time the Installation of the Officer's of the Maine State Grange for 2021-2023 was done by the Installing Team of Christine Hebert, former Ceres of the Maine State Grange.

Officers Installed: Overseer/Vice President: Adrian Griffin; Lecturer: Margaret Morse; Steward: Steven Haycock; Assistant Steward: Richard Grotton; Lady Assistant Steward: Roberta Meserve; Chaplain: Clayton Collins; Secretary: Sharon Morton; Gatekeeper: Benjamin Edgerly; Ceres: Kathy Gowen; Pomona: Laurie McBurnie; Flora: Debra Ivers; Executive Committee 3 years: Darrell Huff

Thank you to Christine and her Installing Team for your dedication.

Drawings by Departments

The following Departments announced their winners: Ag; Junior; Fundraising and CWA.

5:00 P.M.
Open in the 6th Degree

The Worthy Master, Robert Smith, opened the second day of the 148th Annual Session of the Maine State Grange in the Sixth Degree. At this time the Worthy Master turned the Master's station over to Richard Grotton, former Master of the Maine State Grange, for conferral of the Degree of Flora.

Conferral of the Sixth Degree

The Degree of Flora was conferred on Mary DiBenedetto, Waterford Grange 479; Sherwood Hilt, Pioneer Grange 219 and Ellie Waterman, Waterford Grange 479.

Thank you to all by Debra Ivers, Flora of the Maine State Grange:

To: Sister Judy Sherrod, Secretary of the National Grange and Master of the Tennessee State Grange; Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our candidates-now new members on reaching the 6th Degree of our order. We encourage you to attend our future State Sessions and hope you will meet and form friendships with Grangers across the State of Maine.

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank those who have helped put the degree together today!

Officers of the Maine State Grange-thank you for your exemplary work today-some of you on short notice.

For all those that helped sup up the court: Dave Gowen; Ben Edgerly; Laurie McBurnie; Kathy Gowen & Gladys Chapman-I appreciate all your help and hard work.

I want to thank Judy Meserve and Susie Faulkner for being my rose ladies again this year. Also thank you Judy Meserve; Gladys Chapman and Harriet Spencer for your help with the specimen table-it was beautiful.

A special thank you to Sharon and Henry Morton for all their help locating and bringing items from State headquarters, loading and unloading the trailer and Henry for running errands for us-you two do so much with little thanks.

Brother Bob-thank you for conducting this different, but memorable State Session.

I hope to see all of you here today at next year's State Session and hope that our paths cross over the course of the coming year. Thank you!

Closing the 148th Annual Session in the Fourth Degree

The second day of the 148th Annual Session of the Maine State Grange was closed in full form in the 4th degree.

148TH ANNUAL SESSION
MAINE STATE GRANGE
AUBURN MASONIC HALL

DELEGATES

ALDER RIVER 145
BANGOR 372
BAUNEG BEG 382
BINGHAM 237
CHELSEA 215

COMMUNITY 593
DANVILLE JCT. 65
DIRIGO 98
EAST MADISON 228
ENTERPRISE 48

EVENING STAR 183
EXCELSIOR 5

FARMINGTON 12

HARRASEEKET 9

HIGHLAND LAKE 87
HOLLIS 132

HUDSON 457

HUNTOON HILL 398
JOHN F. HILL 393

JONESBORO 357

RUBY BRYANT
PHIL & EMILY PARSONS
RICHARD HARRIMAN
TERRY & HARRIET SPENCER
RICK GROTTON
JIM MESERVE
JAMES & LINDA NEUSCHWANGER
MAYNARD & GLADYS CHAPMAN
MARGARET HENDERSON
JAMES EDGERLY
BENJAMIN EDGERLY
MARILYN STINSON
MILDRED MELGARD
STEVEN HAYCOCK
CYNTHIA MAXWELL
BONNIE CLARK (THURSDAY)
ROBERT SMITH (FRIDAY)
VINCENT NELSON (FRIDAY)
KATHLEEN MEADE
LORI GROTZ
DAVID & KATHY GOWEN
MELISSA BALDWIN
LORRAINE GOODNESS
DARLENE MILES
TERRY LACOMBE STEVENS
HENRY & SHARON MORTON
MARGARET MORSE
CASANDRA CORLISS
SAM GADDIS
BENITA GADDIS

KENNEBEC VALLEY 128	DIANE C. PINKHAM NANCY DREW
KNOX STATION 579	AGNES NELSON ROBERT NELSON
MANCHESTER 172	CAROLYN VAN HORN LINDA COBB
MAPLE GROVE 148	ANN BURNS SUE FARRINGTON
MILL STREAM 574	PAUL LAVENDER JILL SAMPSON
MT ETNA 147	DEBBIE DAY JEANNE BURNHAM
NORTH SCARBORO 495	ADRIAN GRIFFIN BRUCE REMILLARD
NORWAY 45	CHRISTINE HEBERT LINDA ALLEN
OAK HILL 104	DARRELL & ELIZABETH HUFF
OLD TOWN RIVERSIDE 273	CARL & SANDRA MOON
PIONEER 219	SHERWOOD HILT
PORTER 569	JOHN & MARGARET LOWRY
ST GEORGE 421	BERT & HOLLY WELCH
TOPSHAM 37	MICHAEL LABBE
VALLEY 144	WALTER & JANICE BOOMSMA
WATERFORD 475	MARY JO DIBENDETTO ELLIE WATRMAN
WHITE ROCK 380	POLLY SPENCER
WILLOW 366	EDWARD WORTHLEY LAURIE MCBURNIE
WINTHROP 209	ARTHUR WELLS BRIANE LABBE

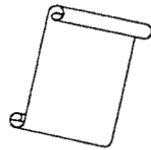
148TH ANNUAL SESSION
MAINE STATE GRANGE
AUBURN MASONIC HALL
POMONA DELEGATES

ANDROSCOGGIN 1	STEVEN HAYCOCK
	NORMA MESERVE
CUMBERLAND 15	ADRIAN GRIFFIN
	YVONNE JOHNSON
CUMBERLAND OXFORD 21	DEBBIE DAY
	SUE FARRINGTON
EXCELSIOR 5	ROBERT SMITH
	MAVIS LANE
LINCOLN 19	SHARON MORTON
	LAURIE MCBURNIE
OXFORD 2	RUBY BRYANT
	LINDA ALLEN
PENOBSCOT 8	PHIL PARSONS
	EMILY PARSONS
PISCATAQUIS 11	WALTER BOOMSMA
	JANICE BOOMSMA
SAGADAHOC 9	BENJAMIN EDGERLY
	MARILYN STINSON
SOMERSET 6	HARRIET SPENCER
	TERRY SPENCER
WALDO 12	ROBERT NELSON
	AGNES NELSON
WASHINGTON 16	SAM GADDIS
	TOM GADDIS
YORK 14	MARGARET MORSE
	MELISSA BALDWIN





STATE OFFICERS REPORTS



STATE LECTURER REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

When we all left Skowhegan at the end of the 2019 session of the Maine State Grange no one could have imagined what the following months would bring. In June of 2020 "Reach for the Stars" was chosen for the Lecturer's theme in honor of the 2 astronauts from Maine who were on the International Space Station. Since the 2020 State session was not held I have decided to continue the use of "Reach for the Stars" as the theme for the 2021 – 2022 year. I posted material on the Maine Website promoting the several contests sponsored by the Lecturer's department. Copies of the National Lecturer's newsletter "A Quarters Worth" was forwarded to all Lecturers that have email.

Although the Northeast Lecturer's Conference was not held in August 2021 as previously reported, several of the State Lecturers participated in a Zoom meeting in January 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers and to discuss the next Lecturer's Conference. During the Zoom meeting it was decided that the Lecturers will combine their conference with the Leadership conference that is scheduled to be held in Maine in 2022.

Creative Writing Contests: I am sorry to say that participation in the creative writing contests, which includes skit and poetry, was down again this year. I received poetry entries from only two Grangers. I sincerely thank them for taking the time to compose these pieces of writing and applaud their accomplishments.

The Grange Barbara Strout Excelsior #5 "The Future"

Humorous Rick Grotton Chelsea #215

Subordinate & Pomona Lecturer's Reports: I received only 6 Subordinate Reports and 1 Pomona Report. Each person submitting a report will receive an Achievement Certificate.

Book Reading Club: Twenty-one Subordinate members sent in reading logs. Everyone submitting lists will receive bookmarks. The top three readers in each category will receive ribbons and special awards.

Books	Pages
Emily Parsons Bangor #372 282 books	Emily Parsons Bangor #372 78,106 pages
Lynn Woodman Perry #324 255 books	Janet Nolan Mill Stream #574 55,025 pages
Margaret Henderson Dirigo #98 150 books	Margaret Henderson Dirigo #98 47,735 pages

Lecturer's Conference scheduled for September 18 was cancelled due to concerns with the rise in Covid cases. Packets which will include the Lecturer's Program, Poetry entries and members certificates will be available to be picked up at the Lecturer's table during the State Session in Auburn.

State Session is expected to again be a busy time for the Lecturer's Department. I am hoping for a large participation in the Photo contests. This year due to a change at the National level a "Best in Show" photo will not be sent to National Grange for judging. Instead, the National Grange is sponsoring a Virtual Photo Contest. This contest is open to members and non-members alike and replaces the Photography Showcase. Also, this year the adult art contest has been reintroduced and an adult coloring contest has been added.

THANK YOU to all who have supported, promoted, and participated in any of the programs or activities of this department. I am very grateful for the help and encouragement from State Master Sherry Harriman.

A **THANK YOU** to the members of the Lecturer's committee for all their hard work. I wish to thank all those in advance who will assist at the Lecturers tables, hanging art and photos, and all the other things that will need doing during the session.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Morse, Lecturer

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## STATE CHAPLAIN

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### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT (2020-2021)

Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

The year 2020 was one for the record books in more ways than one. First and foremost the entire country (and beyond!) was hit with the coronavirus (covid 19), then the governor locked down the entire state as a preventative measure to help stop the spread of the virus, and then because of the lockdown, prices rose making it impossible for people to travel.

In 2020, because of the threat of getting the virus, many Granges shut down until their members either received the vaccinations or felt comfortable in being out in public. Many Granges have yet to re-open fully. This being said, I did not do any visitations at all in the year 2020 other than my own Subordinate and Pomona Granges. The annual session of the Maine State Grange was also canceled.

The year 2021 has looked a little more positive in that more Granges are beginning to open up. Some Granges have held meetings outdoors when the weather permits. I have tried to attend as many Grange meetings as I possible could.

On July 1, 2021, I attended Cumberland/Oxford Pomona for an official state visitation, but unfortunately they didn't have a quorum to hold an official meeting. Instead we sat and did what Grangers do best – we talked and told stories and discussed ways to improve membership. It was a fun time had by all.

The past year (2020-2021), I have submitted a column [The Deacon's Bench] each month to the website which I hope fellow Granges enjoy. I hope these past couple of years have treated you kindly. Until we meet in person may God bless and keep you forever.

Respectfully,  
Clay Collins, State Chaplain

MAINE STATE GRANGE



# 2021 STATE COMMITTEES' REPORTS



## AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE



Willie Grenier, Director

Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

The Agriculture Committee of the Maine State Grange met by conference call in February, April, May, and in-person for the first time in August. Most of our members have been able to attend most meetings.

The committee awarded 4 Agricultural Scholarships of \$500 this year. There were 5 applications submitted in 2021 and one was not eligible because the applicant was going into nursing and was referred to the Howe's Nursing Scholarship program. The other 4 applications that were approved for funding are:

- Justin Taylor – Herman High School, Hermon
- Aiden Pettingill – Erskine Academy, China
- Sarah Benner – Hall Dale High School, Farmingdale
- Benjamin Retberg – Blue Hill Harbor High School, Penobscot

Four Ag scholarships were paid out for 2020 awards and 1 has been continued to next year due to COVID rescheduling.

In 2021 the Ag Scholarship program received \$285 in donations and MAITC donates \$500 annually in October. The committee sends many thanks to the Granges and Maine Agriculture in the Classroom for donating. We post recipients on the website and in our reports to keep everyone informed. Additional donations are needed to keep this program going into the future! There will be a raffle basket at State Session on October 21/22 at the Auburn Masonic Hall to raise funds. Please buy tickets!

Maine fairs are back in 2021 and judges were supplied upon request and State Grange provided ribbons for all Grange exhibits. Several volunteers from the committee, led by the state master, assembled and transported FOOD WASTE educational displays to many fairs. Congratulations to all the Granges that contributed exhibits! They were wonderful to see!

The committee is looking ahead to the Grange Ag Store for Fryeburg Fair this fall. Steve & Suzanne Verrill, and Sharon & Henry Morton have been meeting with that group. Other committee members plan to participate as well. Some items may be coming from the local Amish community.

Two winners were selected for the Farm Enterprise Award for 2021.

- Basil & Lori Mosher & Family of Maple Lawn Farm in Chesterville.
- Mary & Matthew Sturtevant & family of Switchback Farm in Nobleboro.

Many thanks for sharing these wonderful farm enterprises! Nancy McBrady, director of the Bureau of Agriculture will be presenting these awards at the Agricultural luncheon at noon on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Auburn Masonic Hall. The Tree Farmer Award will be presented to Bob Seymore and Jessica Leahy from Sebec.

## 2021 Maine Agricultural Fair - Grange Exhibit Results received.

Monmouth Fair June 17 – 20 1<sup>st</sup> Winthrop 209; 2<sup>nd</sup> Enterprise 48  
Ossipee Valley Fair July 8 – 11 1<sup>st</sup> Saco 53; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mt. Etna 147; 3<sup>rd</sup> Maple Grove 148  
Educational Display: Maine State Grange  
Waterford World's Fair July 16 – 18  
Pittston Fair July 22 – 25 Combined Exhibit: 1<sup>st</sup> Enterprise 48  
Educational Exhibit: 1<sup>st</sup> Maine State Junior Grange #17  
Topsham Fair Aug 8 – 15 1<sup>st</sup> Enterprise 48  
Skowhegan State Fair Aug 12 – 21  
Agricultural Exhibit: 1<sup>st</sup> Kennebec Valley 128; 2<sup>nd</sup> Winthrop 209  
Domestic Exhibit: 1<sup>st</sup> Winthrop 209; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kennebec Valley 128  
Washington County Fair Aug 21 – 22 1<sup>st</sup> Jonesboro 357 2<sup>nd</sup> Perry  
Union Fair Aug 21 – 28 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Star 183; 2<sup>nd</sup> Medomac Valley 175; 3<sup>rd</sup> Union Harvest 59  
Acton Fair Aug 26 – 29  
Piscataquis Valley Fair Aug 26 – 29 Agricultural Exhibit: 1<sup>st</sup> Valley 144  
Educational Exhibit: Piscataquis Pomona #11 display  
Windsor Fair Aug 29 – Sept 6 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Star 183; 2<sup>nd</sup> Enterprise 48; 3<sup>rd</sup> Branch Mills 336  
Educational Exhibit: 1<sup>st</sup> Maine State Junior Grange #17  
Blue Hill Fair September 2 – 6  
Springfield Fair September 4 – 6 No Grange Exhibits displayed  
Clinton Lions Fair September 9 – 12 No Grange Exhibits displayed  
Litchfield Fair September 11 – 12 1<sup>st</sup> Chelsea 215; 1<sup>st</sup> Enterprise 48; 1<sup>st</sup> Winthrop 209  
Educational Exhibit: 1<sup>st</sup> Maine State Junior Grange #17  
Oxford Fair September 15 – 18  
Agricultural Exhibit: 1<sup>st</sup> West Minot; 2<sup>nd</sup> Rumford; 3<sup>rd</sup> Danville Jct; 4<sup>th</sup> Waterford  
Domestic Exhibit: 1<sup>st</sup> Danville Jct; 2<sup>nd</sup> West Minot; 3<sup>rd</sup> Rumford; 4<sup>th</sup> Waterford  
North New Portland Lions Fair Sept 17 – 19 No Grange Exhibits displayed  
Farmington Fair Sept 19 – 26  
Agricultural Exhibit: Tied 1<sup>st</sup> Mill Stream 574 and 1<sup>st</sup> Farmington 124  
Domestic Exhibit: Tied 1<sup>st</sup> Community 593 and 1<sup>st</sup> Farmington 124  
Cumberland Fair Sept 26 – Oct 2  
Combined Exhibit: 1<sup>st</sup> Highland Lake 87 2<sup>nd</sup> Danville Junction 65  
Educational Display: Maine State Grange  
Fryeburg Fair Oct 3 – 10  
Agricultural Exhibit: 1<sup>st</sup> West Minot; 2<sup>nd</sup> Rumford; 3<sup>rd</sup> Waterford; 4<sup>th</sup>  
Domestic Exhibit: 1<sup>st</sup> Mt Etna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Maple Grove; 3<sup>rd</sup> West Minot; 4<sup>th</sup> Saco;  
5<sup>th</sup> Rumford; 6<sup>th</sup> Waterford  
Educational Exhibit Pomona Granges: 1<sup>st</sup> Androscoggin Pomona #1;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cumberland Oxford Union Pomona #21  
Educational Exhibit: Maine State Grange

*CONGRATS EVERYONE! THEY WERE WONDERFUL! THANK-YOU FOR DISPLAYING!*

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has announced that the Ag Trade Show will be an in-person event on January 11-13, 2022.

Maine Agriculture in the Classroom's annual dinner meeting is scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Maine State Grange. If you would like to attend please email the committee chair at [maitec@maine.gov](mailto:maitec@maine.gov) by Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Many thanks to all the committee members for everything they do! We are excited to finally be able to meet in-person and wish everyone a safe completion to 2021 and a bright, productive 2022! Prayers and warm wishes to all Grangers!

BE WELL, STAY SAFE, GET VACCINATED, And still WEAR A MASK IF NEEDED!



- 2021 Agriculture Director

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COMMITTEE OF WOMENS ACTIVITIES

Margaret Henderson, Director



To Worthy State Master, Sherry Harriman, State Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

After a year of few meetings, it is good to be back in attendance.

I was very pleased with the amount of entries that were received for our contests. Here is the list of winners:

Sewing: Class A:	1 entry	1 st Kathy Gowen
Sewing: Class C:	1 entry	1 st Laurie McBurnie
Baking: Women	7 entries	1 st Emily Parsons; 2 nd Paula Roberts; 3 rd Janet Moody
Baking: Men	2 entries	1 st Carl Moon; 2 nd Glenn Haines
Dress-A-Doll	2 entries	1 st Jackie Morgan; 2 nd Eleanor Perkins
Needlework:		
Class A: Afghan	5 entries	1 st June Allen; 2 nd Hannah Gowen; 3 rd Cindy Huff
Class B: Doilies	3 entries	1 st Nancy Gowen; 2 nd Ann Burns; 3 rd Mary Hunter
Class C: Embroidery	2 entries	1 st Jackie Morgan; 2 nd Barbara Griffin
Class D: 3 Piece Baby Set	2 entries	1 st Nancy Gowen; 2 nd Ann Burns
Class E: Plastic Canvas	2 entries	1 st Timothy Wilson; 2 nd Theresa Wilson
Class F: Counted Cross Stitch	3 entries	1 st Karen Caton-Locke; 2 nd Judy Dunn;

3rd Hannah Gowen

- Class G: Adult Garments 1 entry 1st Laurie McBurnie
Class H: Latch Hook 2 entries 1st Stanley Douglas; 2nd Karen Small
Class I: Quilted Wall Hanging 5 entries 1st Patricia Libby; 2nd Kathy Gowen; 3rd Lila Wilkins
Class J: Stuffed Toy 1 entry 1st Jackie Morgan
Class K: Baby Afghan 4 entries 1st Ann Burns; 2nd Elmira Collins; 3rd Pauline Spencer
Class L: Children's Garments 4 entries 1st Laurie McBurnie; 2nd Ann Burns; 3rd Nancy Gowen
Class N: Miscellaneous 3 entries 1st Ann Burns; 2nd Janet Moody; 3rd Jean Dube
Class O: Decorated Item 5 entries 4 women and 1 man
Women: 1st Jackie Morgan; 2nd Gailene Friedly; 3rd Emily Parsons.
Men: 1st Timothy Wilson
Class P: Wooden Project – 3 entries 1 Woman and 2 Men
Women: Susan Farrington; Men: 1st Phil Parsons; 2nd Glenn Haines

Quilts: 9 entries

- Class A: Hand Quilted 1 entry 1st Barbara Carr
Class B: Machine Quilted 1 entry 1st Kathy Gowen
Class C: Hand Tied 2 entries 1st Jackie Morgan; 2nd Elmira Collins
Class D: Pieced by Entrant, Quilted by Someone Else 4 entries
1st Patricia Libby; 2nd Lila Wilkins; 3rd Jackie Morgan
Class E: Baby Quilts 1 entry 1st Kathy Gowen
Best of Show: Karen Caton-Locke

Thank you to all who submitted entries. You all do wonderful work. I hope to see as many entries next year. A total of \$635.00 was paid out in prize money, thanks to your donations, it was very kind of you.

A very special thanks to Sister Sherry for all of her help getting next years program booklet typed up and printed out. It is greatly appreciated. New books are available. *(A couple of adjustments were made to the book after printing, be sure you get the changes.)*

A big thank you to all the Granges who donated a total of \$445.00 to House in the Woods, \$530.00 to Home for Little Wanderers which will be presented to each of the two groups at the State Session in October. \$ 1080.00 was sent for the CWA Prize money. Your donations are appreciated and help to keep these programs going.

Fraternally,
Margaret Henderson, CWA Director

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*American Values.  
Hometown Roots.*

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Maine State Grange

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## 2020-21 Annual Report of the Maine State Grange Communications Director

Brothers and Sisters,

It is my distinct honor to again report to you some activities and accomplishments from this year's efforts. This is the sixth full year I have served in the capacity of Communications Director—a position created in January 2014 that both combined and expanded the historical roles of the publicity director and webmaster. My broad-based role includes assembling the printed Bulletin, maintaining the website, facilitating communication between and to State Leaders, advising on communication matters and providing information and resources to Subordinate and Pomona Granges.

During the past year, I published twelve monthly Bulletins without missing a deadline and wrote at least two columns each month. I am grateful to those directors and officers who regularly submit articles and support improving our internal communication.

The website is now in its eleventh full year of operation in its current form. The objectives for the redesign in November 2010 were simple. Some of the more important included:

- To encourage prompt posting and maintenance of information and resources,
- To control that posting process with some level of moderation and quality control,
- To allow users to find basic information and resources (such as applications, manuals, etc.) readily, and
- To allow users to subscribe to the site and receive email versions of posts.

We continue to achieve those objectives. Site visits have increased by 6.4% over the previous year. There have been 21,542 site visits from September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021—an average of nearly 1,800 per month and nearly 60 per day. However, these visits do not include subscribers who are receiving the posts without necessarily visiting the site.

This increase becomes particularly heartening in view of the decline in Granges and Grange membership. It is noteworthy that our "top posts" for the past year are the static information pages. The most visited page is the Directory of Granges followed by the Program Books and Information Page.

Of course, numbers do not tell the entire story. Members and non-members continue to use the site as a vehicle for asking questions—these questions do not always appear on the site (unless they are of a general nature) but are handled by forwarding to the appropriate party or parties. Examples include inquiries regarding the sale of Grange Halls, media questions, availability of halls for rental, etc.

During this past year, I have continued to add resource documents and tools to our collection of communication resources available on the site. There is value on our website.

Several significant accomplishments this year include:

- Created a new program entitled “Resources for Grangers” consisting of taped interviews and how successful Granges are doing so.
- Created a booth presentation for the virtual Ag Trade Show in January 2021.
- Created an online registration system for non-delegates planning to attend State Convention.
- Continued to make “under the hood” improvements to the site. Our site experiences almost zero downtime and no spam comments. One recent addition is a program that will allow me to maintain an editorial calendar to insure regular posting.
- Facilitated guest columns related to Referendum Ballot Question 3 regarding Food Sovereignty— an issue supported by Maine State Grange Resolutions passed in 2005 and 2016.
- Continued the regular feature of “Communication Shorts” to further improve internal communication and reinforcement.
- Encouraged the posting of “special events” being sponsored or hosted by Granges during the pandemic. These events are also added to the MSG Calendar Page.
- Continued to facilitate an email service that allows information to be sent directly to officers, directors, and deputies on short notice.

Writing the monthly “Exploring Traditions” Column has been both inspiring and rewarding and I plan to continue to challenge members to give thought to “the Grange way of life.” A member recently wrote that they often use the book for “inspiration and history” during meetings.

Thanks to Heather Retberg of Halcyon Grange for her willingness to continue to share her columns for our monthly “View from the Farm.”

COVID-19 certainly created many challenges for us both as an organization and as individuals. But it also demonstrated the importance of technology in general and the avenues of communication we have available. Websites, online meetings, and social media will never replace potluck suppers and “getting together,” but as a society we are learning how to make better use of these tools. The Grange, as an organization, can also learn to adopt and adapt.

Personally, I object to the too frequent use of the pandemic as an excuse for not doing things. We can and should be seeking the opportunities this situation is creating.

Looking ahead to 2021-2022 some objectives include:

- Continuing to keep communication positive, helpful, and engaging.
- Investigate the feasibility of sponsoring virtual roundtable discussions among members.
- Increasing the number of subscribers to the website. (Subscribers receive excerpts of posts by email.) This will include encouraging local Grangers to subscribe their members in bulk. A special thanks to Barb Bailey of Victor Grange for her support and the big “bump” in subscribers.
- Continuing to search for resources, including additional guest columnists and regular topical information that can be reposted with attribution.
- Streamlining the site by removing outdated material and posts. For example, there are currently over 3,000 posts on the site and over 2,000 images..

I would ask Grangers to remember my goal is to keep costs associated with the website as low as possible by using "free" versions of software and applying a little creativity to how things get done. That said, technology costs continue to rise as software companies look to change from purchased software to subscription software. Invoiced costs for website have remained below the budget of \$1,000 and are supplemented by the annual director's stipend of \$400 which is actually applied to the costs required to maintain and improve our communications and website.

With that background, our greatest accomplishment is also our greatest need for the coming year. We must continue to increase participation and information, working to build a positive program of communication. The Maine State Grange website is an integral part of our organization and is becoming a "go-to" place for members and friends who wish to learn more about our Order.

Sharing successes and milestones is an important part of our ongoing communication. Photos are also great—and a photo or two with what we call a "cutline" can tell a story. (A cutline is media talk for the caption explaining the photo—usually a sentence or two.)

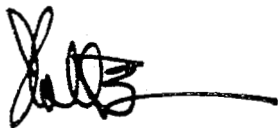
I believe the primary role of any state position or function is to support Subordinate and Pomona Granges and their members. But communication is not a "one-person job." Individuals, Community/Subordinate and Pomona Granges can best support our communications efforts by providing positive news and information.

I will continue to encourage more open communication throughout our Order and with the public. We must generate interest and excitement among our communities, prospective members, and ourselves.

If there is anything I can do to help you and your Grange, please let me know.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Respectfully submitted,



Walter Boomsma

Maine State Grange Communications Director

<http://mainestategrange.org>

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COMMUNITY SERVICE



FAMILY, HEALTH & HEARING REPORT

Christine Corliss, Director

MAINE STATE GRANGE

September 1st, 2021

To the Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

This year's Community Service/Family, Health & Hearing Committee included: Cassandra Corliss & Victoria Huff.

Community Service

I am very excited to say I have made it through my seventh year as the Director of this committee. It has been a unique and different kind of year with all that is happened. I have shared the love and joy of Community Service and the advantages of combining with Family, Health & Hearing as well as Lecturer's programs. It has been an honor and learning experience each and every day working with and getting to know everyone.

I was excited to see the Community Service Books/Activity Sheet that came in again this year. I am so proud of all the work that has been done around the state this year. The quality of books was wonderful and I truly felt sorry for the judges.

This year's Community Service Winners are

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Again, this year we have a great sponsor of the Community Service Book Contest - Kennebec Savings. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Of 88 Subordinate Granges, 22 reports were submitted. We are required to have a 25% participation rate to receive monetary support from National Grange. WE DID IT!!! If your Grange submitted a report give yourself a round of applause, if you did not please help out and submit one next year.

Please keep sending them in each year. Let me say the work put into these books is getting more and more and more extensive each year. This year's judges were so impressed with the quality of the books that we had to add a fifth judge to our panel for final determination. The top six books were separated by a total of 8 points. That was how close the book quality and content was. Wonderful work to all!!!

I am happy to say that many Granges are still supporting Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. If your Grange ever gets a chance to do a visit to BBCH it is the most rewarding and inspiring experience. These children don't understand the words "GIVE UP". We can all learn something from them. Our own version of Coups for Troops is still going strong, well let me correct that, stronger than ever. I am pleased to report that we have shipped out 294 lbs. of coupons this year. A little more than last year and we are still moving along.

I am sad to report that we did not have any entries in the Police/Fire Fighter & EMT/Educator of the Year Contest this year. I truly sadden our committee to have this happen again.

Two years ago, we added the category of Granger of the Year. That individual would receive an award and a check in the amount of \$100.00 to the charity of their choice.

2017 – 2018 Winner was Victoria Huff

2018 – 2019 Winner was Ann Burns

2019 – 2020 Winner was Walter Boomsma

2020 - 2021 Winner is: _____

Community Service & Family, Health & Hearing packets will be available online at the Maine State Grange Website.

Family, Health & Hearing

The committee is overjoyed at the responses this year to the Family, Health & Hearing Contest. It is great to see the increased activity to this committee. It was also incredible to read the way items were presented this year in these trying times. Awareness and knowledge of a given subject helps give you an upper hand in fighting it.

This year's Family, Health & Hearing Contest Winner is: _____.

Please keep this contest in mind for the upcoming year. This can help your Grange raise an extra \$50.00. Make sure to work with your Community Service Chair and Lecturers to bring awareness to different causes. Open your halls and hearts to the public and bring awareness to the community. We understand that this has been challenging, but there are ways to bring awareness to your Grange Hall in unique ways.

This committee would like to give a sincere thank you to all that have helped and supported us over the past year, to make our committee the success it has become.

In closing we on the CS/FHH Committee would like to give a big thumbs up to everyone who has helped another during this Pandemic. Covid19 has changed a lot of things but we are proud to say that it has not changed the giving spirit of those here in Maine, who have donated their time to help those who could not get out, their money to making masks for everyone who

needed them, and their love and support to people who needed it. A very big two thumbs up to all of you. Be proud and happy with yourselves, we on the committee are.

Maine State Grange – CS/FHH “Making a Difference One Project at a Time!”

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Corliss, Director

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**\$\$\$ FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE \$\$\$**

Norma Meserve, Chairman

To the Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

The following is the annual report of the Fundraising Committee of the Maine State Grange.

The past year has been a tough one for our committee as it has been for everyone. As you yourself probably know fundraising in the best of times is sometimes difficult. Fundraising during a pandemic brings it's own set of challenges. As most fundraising requires gatherings of people, most things were hard for us to do.

Early this year we decided that our annual State Grange Variety Show was not going to be possible. As things improved around the state, we made plans for the State Grange Yard Sale at Manchester Grange in June. It was decided that, as it was an almost totally outdoor event, this could go on as planned. It turned out to be a great day! We rented out tables to Granges, individuals and State Grange Committees. The weather cooperated and people seemed eager to get out and shop. We had a steady line of customers. Overall, we were able to raise \$402. I would like to thank all those who helped at the sale or donated items (or both!). A big Thank You to Manchester Grange for the use of their hall. And to Carolyn Van Horn for a place to lay our heads and another great breakfast!

This was, unfortunately, the only major fundraiser we were able to hold this year. We have been able to sell a few of our sales items at various times but, sadly, fell short of any fundraising goals that were set for the year.

I have high hopes that things will turn around next year, and we can get back on course with fundraising events.

We still have Grange sale items on hand, note cards, t-shirts etc. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with me. We will also have these items available at our table at State Grange. Please stop by and check them out.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the committee that were able to help in any way this year. Also, many thanks to Master Sherry for her support and guidance during this crazy year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Norma Meserve, Fundraising Committee Chairman

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JUNIOR COMMITTEE

Marilyn Stinson, Co-Dir
Terry LaCombe-Stevens, Co-Dir



Junior Report to Maine State Grange Session October 21, 2021

It is discouraging to try to write an uplifting report after the year we've had, but it hasn't been all bad. In November, Sister Terry arranged for a free Zoom meeting with a 40 minute limit. We set up officers in same families working together (John opened the Bible and his sister was Chaplain.) for having a meeting with no assistants presenting the flag, etc. Then we got a Zoom subscription for connecting with the Juniors and offered to let any other departments use it for their committee meetings. None responded.

We set up a schedule for the 3rd Saturday in November, January and March hoping that COVID would be under control by March and we could do in person meetings. We also used it for connecting with families to keep up with what we were trying to plan. And Enterprise Grange used it for a remote meeting when three members had COVID.

Since State Session was changed and we didn't meet in person, we didn't get to share the news that Chloe Bosse won the 'Scratched Pumpkin Contest'

MEMBERSHIP

We have gained 3 members, but we have some members aging out of Juniors so we need more members to keep our charter. In September, we welcomed Carley Crockett and John Coffin and in June, Sebastian Nickerson joined. National Junior Grange has discontinued the Merit Badges and replaced them with 'Passports', but Maine has joined some other states to encourage them so the kids can wear their sashes or collars to show off their accomplishments. Edith Coffin has earned her 'Preamble' Badge by memorizing the Preamble to the US.

GROW JUNIORS MEETING 2020.

We met at Sister Terry's camp in Hudson, hoping some kids from the more northern area would join us. With keeping distance and grouping family units together, we did have our annual fall meeting. It was outside with 6 foot distance and family members near one another for officers. We were happy that the craft judging finally got done, thanks to Peter Prince and Mary Mason, our guest judges. We are very thankful to them for their help. COVID-19 interfered with the usual Family Campout in July so the judging wasn't done at that time.

Big E Contest (2020): "Something from Summer", Ages 5-7, 1st place, Kait McKeen; 8-10, 1st Reagan Crockett, 2nd Mary Coffin, 3rd Edith Coffin; 10-14, 1st William Stinson-Barone. The Big E contest will repeat for 2021 and we hope to have more of them next year and share them all in our fair exhibits next summer.

Seed Mosaic National Contest (2020) ages 5-7, 1st Kait McKeen, 2nd Carley Crockett, 3rd Mary Coffin. Ages 8-9, 1st Reagan Crockett, 2nd Edith Coffin. Their creations were placed in sheet protectors and mailed to National Grange for judging. Then we received a notice from

National Junior Grange: *First Place National Winner for 5-7 year olds!! Congratulations to Kait McKeen of Maine for her rainbow in 'Seed Art'.*

Peter Prince has a cider press so they were able to grind the apples and press the juice to make cider for their afternoon snack. Before the meeting, the Juniors finished their National and Big E contests, then the kids were able to play 'Hide and Seek' and just be kids running outside.

MEETINGS

We met by Zoom for most things. March was cancelled because the leaders had other commitments. There was a National Grange Leader's Zoom meeting at the same time and besides, Marilyn had her first shot and was sick for the weekend. For November and January we grouped families together for officers with Mary as Master and Edith as Chaplain and John as Assistant Steward opening the Bible upon their 'altar'. Sister Kathy always has some fun riddles and challenging questions for the Program. William did a magic card trip and surprised Reagan with knowing what card she had chosen.

The 'Spring Challenge' Meeting scheduled for April 17th was COVID cancelled.

SUMMER CAMPOUT

Juniors, page 2

We had a break in COVID cases and had an overnight Summer Camp at Enterprise Grange June 25-27. We were unable to go to the Eldercare Home to entertain them, but did make some mobiles to take to them and worked on crafts, invited some local kids to join in the Pinata whacking, and wore silly hats and mustaches to parade down Main Street sidewalk to Dairy Treat for ice cream while singing our 16 Counties song and keeping time with rhythm instruments. Thanks to Sisters Caroline and Kathy for taking their instruments. It was fun to see storekeepers and passersby waving out their windows at us. We practiced our Candlelighting for State Session and shared a story telling time about their 'stuffies'. They weren't expecting to do that, but everyone took a turn and told a made up story with a 2 minute limit. Some waited until after the others told theirs which was fine with us. The bunkhouse was upstairs in the assembly room and meetings and activities were downstairs.

Winners of the 'Memories of Summer' for BIG E Contest (2021) were 5-7, #1. John Coffin, #2. Kait McKeen, #3. Sebastian Nickerson, #4. Carley Crockett; 8-10, #1, Edith Coffin, #2, Mary Coffin; and 11-14, William Stinson-Barone. Many thanks to Amanda McDaniel and Emily Rose who answered our plea on facebook and volunteered to be judges.

PROMOTIONS:

We used the crafts we had made and exhibited and earned blue ribbons and prize money at Pittston and Windsor Fairs with the money going towards our activities, etc. We also exhibited at Litchfield Fair and received a blue ribbon. That prize money will be sent to Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm Foundation. (Whoever does research on OHK Farm can earn that badge)

When Enterprise had their 'ART FEST – by the Kennebec' some art from local Juniors was displayed.

THANK YOUS:

We are very thankful for our committee members who have been there to support us. Helen Brooks couldn't be with us at in-person meetings, but is promoting Juniors in her corner of the state and checking in to see what she can do to help. Dana Coffin is our back-up officer and Kathy Gowen is another and shares her wealth of knowledge of Junior Procedure and fun riddles.

A special thank you to Master Sherry who quickly answers any questions and is there to help with problem solving and ideas.

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MEMBERSHIP

Rick Grotton, Director

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 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. I do not have the membership numbers yet, but they will be shared when they arrive. Thank you to those who have inspired 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,

Rick Grotton

Membership Director, Maine State Grange

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EDUCATIONAL AID AND
HOWES NURSES' SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Gerald Libby, President

Educational Aid and Howes Nurses' Scholarship Funds

TABBUTT'S BOOKKEEPING SERVICE

PO BOX 56

SMITHFIELD ME 04978

October 5, 2021

Worthy Master, State Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maine State Grange

We received \$595.00 in donations to the Educational Aid Fund and \$330.00 in donations to the Howes Nurses' Scholarship Fund. Also we received Interest Income of \$619.77 to the Educational Aid Fund and \$60.10 to the Howes Nurses' Fund.

We are pleased to announce that we have awarded presently one award from the Howes Nurses' Fund to Willow Newman of Alexander Grange.

Thank you for your contributions to the funds.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Patricia Dowe



MAINE STATE GRANGE

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE 2021 MAINE STATE GRANGE CONVENTION

1. POLITICAL OUT-OF-STATE MONEY

Valley Grange # 144
Piscataquis Pomona # 11
Referred to Legislative

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Maine are intelligent and thinking persons;

WHEREAS, those from out-of-state, with their own agendas, try to tell the voters of the State of Maine how they should vote;

WHEREAS, the people from out-of-state are pouring millions of their dollars into advertising trying to sway voters of the State of Maine to vote as they demand;
let it be

RESOLVED, that this out-of-state and dark money not be allowed in our elections.

2. POLITICAL ADVERTISING

Valley Grange # 144
Piscataquis Pomona # 11
Referred to Legislative

WHEREAS, political advertisements have started to appear soon after the previous election;

WHEREAS, most people are not happy seeing or hearing them constantly; let it be

RESOLVED, political ads be forbidden until two months prior to the next election.

3. LOCAL REPRESENTATION

Valley Grange # 144
Piscataquis Pomona # 11
Referred to Legislative

WHEREAS, the Homestead Exception is used to designate a primary residence;

WHEREAS, persons representing a district should be in touch with their constituents and care enough about these citizens to live in their district;

WHEREAS, these persons should have their primary residence within the district;

RESOLVED, that anyone running for office in the State of Maine Legislature be required to have their primary residence and reside within that district.

4. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING OF BOOKS FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Porter Grange # 569
Referred to Legislative

WHEREAS: Studies show that children who own their own books and learn to read while toddlers perform significantly better in school; and

WHEREAS: Most existing reading programs are designed to provide books for children

- over age five through school and public libraries,
- with special needs, or
- through internet access; and

WHEREAS: The population of children between birth and age five are underserved due to

- lack of internet access,
- lack of parental resources; and

WHEREAS: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and Affiliates

- provide free books to children aged from birth to 5 years through local volunteers and funding; and
- the books are delivered monthly, to the child's home, with the child's name to keep forever; and
- the books are age appropriate and chosen by a panel of educational experts and not the publishers; and

WHEREAS: the burden of maintaining a local program solely by local affiliates can be overwhelming to the point of risking an end to books for local children; and

WHEREAS: there is an emerging consensus that the efforts of local affiliates should be financially supported with government help as seen by final and proposed state legislation in:

- Tennessee, Delaware, Colorado, Kentucky, District of Columbia, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and others; and

WHEREAS: The Maine State Grange and the National Grange have a rich tradition of supporting education and reading; be it

RESOLVED, that the Maine State Grange and the National Grange will support and encourage legislation that provides financial aid for affiliates of the Imagination Library or any other similar charity that provides books for pre-school children.

5. ACCOUNTING FOR CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS

Enterprise Grange # 48

Referred to Good of the Order

WHEREAS: The Maine State Grange holds funds in Custodial Accounts for Granges after consolidation, and

WHEREAS: financial reports are not forwarded or shared with the Grange on the account, and

WHEREAS: The Maine State Grange handles the sales of property on behalf of the consolidating Granges, and

WHEREAS: copies of bills for attorney expenses and fees or closing costs are not shared with the Grange after the sale of property from consolidation, therefore be it

RESOLVED: the Maine State Grange provide copies of financial reports to each Grange named in a custodial account, and be it further

RESOLVED: the Maine State Grange provide itemized copies of attorney expenses and closing costs for the sale of Grange property related to the consolidation to the Grange named on the custodial account after consolidation.

6. MERGING GRANGES

Enterprise Grange # 48
Referred to Good of The Order

WHEREAS: Most Grangers are too inexperienced to consult the Digest when thinking about merging, and

WHEREAS: One Merged Grange lost out on almost \$6,000.00 because of misunderstanding and wanting to make sure other Granges don't run into that problem, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that at first notice of merger with one Grange giving up a building, the merging Granges be given a written reminder of the policy in the Digest about selling a building. And be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Community Grange be given an estimate of what the legal fees should be.

7. UPDATING ALTERNATIVE (ACTION) GRANGES

Enterprise Grange # 48
Referred to Good of The Order

WHEREAS: Some Granges have opted to become Alternative (Action II) Granges to save time and be more streamlined at meetings and

WHEREAS: the Gatekeeper takes the word as the members enter the hall, and

WHEREAS: Traditional Grangers get confused, be it

RESOLVED: that Alternative Granges' 'Opening the Grange' follow the State Grange custom of having the Assistant Stewards announce:

Lady Assistant Steward – "Worthy Overseer, the words having been taken at the inner gate, I am satisfied that all present on the left are entitled to sit with us in the Fourth Degree."

Assistant Steward – "The same on the right, Worthy Overseer."

And be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that this change be forwarded to National Grange for uniformity.

8. DEDICATION TO FALLEN MAINE STATE TROOPERS

Cumberland Pomona Grange #15
Referred to Legislative

WHEREAS, The Interstate Systems of the State of Maine are protected and patrolled by members of the Maine State Police and,

WHEREAS, All Maine Troopers; motivated by the love and caring of the citizens of the State of Maine, continue to serve unselfishly, giving their utmost in the performance of their duties, and acknowledging the risks of losing their lives in the performance of said duties, and

WHEREAS, There is currently a Law Enforcement Memorial dedicated to all law enforcement officers, that have lost their lives in the line of duty, located in Augusta, Maine and;

WHEREAS, We should remember these troopers in a way that honors their lives, and;

WHEREAS, A new bill, LD 537, has been presented to the Maine State Legislature's Department of Transportation Committee, to dedicate a mile of Interstate 95 to troopers that have died in the line of duty, by placing a marker on the Northbound and Southbound lanes as near as possible to the site of the troopers death, and a marker placed for each trooper who dies in the line of duty moving forward, and;

WHEREAS, LD537 may still require further action in Committee; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Maine State Grange support the Maine Legislature and the Department of Transportation in all future amendments and/or intentions as required by Federal Regulations, in obtaining such signage on the interstate, to honor these fallen troopers.

9. MEETING SCHEDULES

Pioneer Grange # 219
Lincoln Pomona Grange # 19
Referred to Good of the Order

WHEREAS; it is becoming increasingly hard to get seven members together to hold a meeting; and

WHEREAS; meetings are scheduled for a specific date and time; and

WHEREAS; members sometimes have a conflicting obligation with their Granges scheduled meeting; therefore be it

RESOLVED; that Granges be allowed to pick a temporary time when seven members can be present for Grange business to be done.

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The resolutions do not become policy of the Maine State Grange until adopted by you, the delegates. Maine State By-laws Article III Section 4. **Forty-five (45) delegates** shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Grange Laws (Codes) of the Order – By-Laws relating to State Granges may be adopted, amended, updated, or repealed in whole or in part **by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present and voting** at which a quorum is present, at any regular meeting of said State Grange.

Any By-Law changes **must refer to the Articles and Sections to be changed**, writing out the entire current By-law and writing out the specific changes to be made.

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