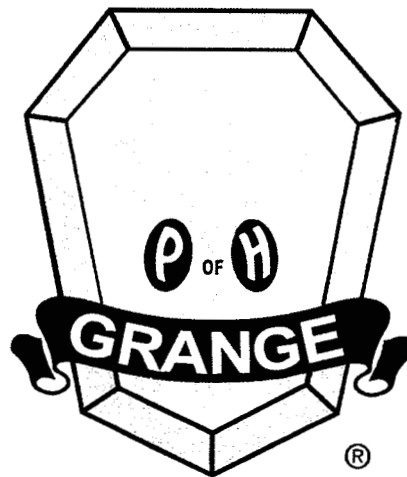


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ANNUAL CONVENTION

Maine State Grange

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1874 – 2022



October 20 & 21, 2022

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 Harriman	2017 to

\*Deceased

\*\*Present at Session

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE STATE GRANGE  
FOR THE YEAR 2022

Master – Sherry A. Harriman  
Overseer – 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  
Gate Keeper – Benjamin Edgerly  
Ceres – Kathleen Gowen  
Pomona – Laurie McBurnie  
Flora – Debra Ivers

Executive Committee

Nathan Pennell  
James Meserve  
Darrell Huff  
James Meserve

Musician

Linda Cobb

Soloist

Carolyn Van Horn

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Margert Henderson  
Arlene Flood      Cynthia Maxwell  
Deborah Lancaster  
Debra Ivers   Laurie McBurnie

CREDENTIALS, SIXTH DEGREE

Mavis Lane   Betty Huff

AGRICULTURE

Willie Grenier  
Robert & Agnes Nelson      Henry & Sharon Morton  
Karen Hatch-Gagne      Nathan Pennell  
Rance & Eleanor Pooler   Terry & Harriet Spencer

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR & WEBMASTER

Walter Boomsma

COMMUNITY SERVICE &  
FAMILY HEALTH AND HEARING

Christine Corliss  
Linda Cobb   Cassandra Corliss  
Benjamin Edgerly   Carolyn Van Horn   Victoria Huff  
Laurie McBurnie   Anne Staples   Holly Welch

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Norma Meserve  
Ruby Bryant   Linda Cobb   Steven Haycock  
Sharon Kirker   Sharon Morton   Merton Ricker

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Robert Smith  
Clayton Collins   Adrian Griffin   James Meserve  
Roberta Meserve   Robert & Agnes Nelson

HISTORIAN

Stanley Howe

Gerald & Patricia Libby Barry Tracy

JUNIOR DEPT.

Marilyn Stinson Terry Lacombe Stevens

Helen Brooks Caroline Young-Coffin

Kathy Gowen Christine Hebert

C J Stinson Roy Terry & Tim Wilson

LECTURER'S COMMIMTTEE

Margaret Morse

Melissa Baldwin Ruby Bryant Allison Colson

Leslie Guy Norma Meserve Darlene Miles

LEGISLATIVE DEPT.

Linda Weston

James & Mary Annis Adrian Griffin Steven Haycock

Stanley Howe Darrell Huff James Owens

David Parkman Nathan Pennell

MEMBERSHIP DEPT.

Richard Grotton

Ruby Bryant Benjamin Edgerly Adrian Griffin

Rolf Staples, Sr. Timothy & Terry Wilson

MEMORIAL FUND

Clayton & Elmira Collins

YOUTH DEPT.

Contact State Grange Office

TRUSTEES OF EDUCATIONAL AID FUND

HOWES NURSES' SCHOLARSHIP

President: Gerald Libby

Vice President: Carolyn Van Horn

Sec/Treas.: J. Patrick Elwell

Trustees

Darlene Miles Kathy Gowen  
Ex Officio Sherry Harriman  
Ex Officio Margaret Morse

STAGE

Debra Ivers  
David & Kath Gowen Judy Meserve Henry Morton  
Terry Spencer Maynard & Gladys Chapman

SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE DEPUTIES

Chief Deputy/Androscoggin No. 1

Maynard Chapman

Cumberland No. 15

David Gowen

Cumberland & Oxford Union No. 21

Glenn Haines

Excelsior No. 5

Robert Smith

Hancock No. 13

Tom Cooper

Lincoln No. 19

Holly Welch

Oxford No. 2

Steven Haycock

Penobscot No. 8

Reginald Clement

Piscataquis No. 11

William Bemis

Sagadahoc No. 9

Benjamin Edgerly

Somerset No. 6

Harriet Spencer

Waldo No. 12

Lois Zezima

Washington No. 16

Dale Holst

York No. 14  
Melissa Baldwin

**SPECIAL DEPUTIES**

Philip Herbert  
Steven Verrill  
James Owens  
Victoria Huff  
Richard Grotton

**MAINE STATE GRANGE  
149<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OCTOBER 20 & 21, 2022  
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 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Maine State Grange was called to order by Robert Smith, Deputy of the Maine State Grange, with the presentation of the Officers of the Maine State Grange and opened in full form in the Sixth Degree by Worthy Master/President Sherry A. Harriman.

**Roll Call of Officers**

Roll call found the following Officers/Directors/Chairmen absent: Executive Committee Members: James Meserve and Nathan Pennell; Women's Activities: Arline Flood and Debra Lancaster; Legislative Director: Linda Weston; Community Service & Family Health & Hearing Director: Christine Corliss; Historian: Stanley Howe; Trustees of Education Aid Fund & Howes Nurses Scholarship: President: Gerald Libby and Sec./Treas.: J. Patrick Elwell

**Lowering to the Fourth Degree**

The Session was lowered to the Fourth Degree to allow the entrance of all members to our Annual Session.

Presentation of National Representative, Ann Bercher, Lecturer/Program Director of the National Grange and President of the Minnesota State Grange



September 30, 2022

To National Lecturer – Ann Bercher, 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 okay this year. These are with three (3) different firms: Avisio showed a decrease of -\$3,520.73, Kennebec Savings Investment Account had a decrease of -\$54,600.70 and Key Financial Services showed an increase of \$87,212.72. The stock market has been up and down this year and I feel we have maintained a stable position under the current conditions.

Following is a list of the 12 pieces of property currently being sold due to the closing and merging of Granges:

1. Fort Fairfield, land only
2. Dexter, land and building
3. Ripley, land and building
4. Indian River, land and building
5. Escutarsis, land and building
6. Greenwood, land and building
7. Schoodic, land and building
8. Riverside, land and building
9. Amity Cary, land and building
10. Cathance, land and building
11. Garland, land and building
12. Jacksonville, land and building\*

\*The last property is being sold by the Maine State Grange for Granges that have merged. Proceeds from the sale of this property will be placed in an account in the name of the merged Grange and overseen by the State Master and Executive Committee.

The first eleven (11) properties proceeds will be placed in the “Closed Grange Account” and held for seven years from the date the Grange closed.

All twelve properties are considered assets that must be maintained, incurring expenses such as liability insurance, state filing fees, etc. Additional details can be found in the Active Grange and Closed Grange Reports.

This summer we lost 2 of our tenants in the State Grange building. This loss will significantly impact our bottom line. Fuel, electricity, water, property taxes and insurance continue to rise at a rapid rate. We all know this to be true as it impacts us all. I think the State Grange needs the input of all of us to decide how to proceed. Brothers and Sisters, all of us need to put on our collective thinking caps to find solutions to remaining a solvent organization.

On a personal note I would like to thank my partner of 16 years, Dean Davis. He is my rock, my inspiration and my sounding board. Thank you, for making me laugh and smile every day. Thank you, to the Members of the Granges in Maine for your "confidence in my honesty and integrity".

Fraternally,

Victoria S. Huff  
Treasurer  
Maine State Grange

Closed Granges Account

Date	Name	Check #	In	Out	Balance	Comments
10/12/2021	Farris Foley & Dick	Bill Pay		\$ 622.50		Invoice #31832, Minerva
11/4/2021	Griffin & Jordan LLC	17284	\$ 14,042.00			Sale of Minerva Grange building
12/10/2021	Farris, Foley & Dick	Bill Pay		\$ 1,619.91		Legal fees: sale of building Invoice# 31886
1st QTR Total			\$ 14,042.00	\$ 2,242.41	\$ 11,799.59	
1/24/2022	MSA Group	Bill Pay	\$ 68.00			Minerva- Credit Sale of Aurora building
2/3/2022	Red Door Titla LLC	232374	\$ 28,134.00			Insurance- Ripley, Escurtasis, Riverside, Amity-Cary, Aurora, Greenwood, Indian River, Schoodic and Seven Star
2/21/2022	MSA Group	Bill Pay		\$ 2,085.00		
2/28/2022	Farris, Foley & Dick	Bill Pay		\$ 2,227.50		Legal fees: Aurora and Eastern Star
2nd QTR Total			\$ 28,202.00	\$ 4,312.50	\$ 35,689.09	
3/31/2022	Farris Foley & Dick	7350	\$ 37,198.60			Balloon Payment Eastern Star Eastern Star
4/6/2022	Farris Foley & Dick	Bill Pay		\$ 811.25		

Closed Granges Account

4/7/2022	Coastal Enterprises, Inc.	7106	\$	2,000.00			Machias Valley, Kim Grier
5/2/2022	Farris Foley & Dick	Bill Pay	\$	938.00			Eastern Star
6/6/2022	Key Bank -CC	Account Transfer	\$	70.00			Filing Fees for Escutarsis and Indian River
6/30/2022	Key Bank -CC	Account Transfer		\$70.00			Filing Fees for Riverside and Ripley
3rd QTR Total				\$2,000.00	\$1,889.25	\$35,799.84	
7/14/2022	Miles Frieden IOLLTa	282		\$23,445.00			Sale of Seven Star Grange in Troy
7/19/2022	Adams Real Estate	9950			\$500.00		Appraisal of Greenwood Grange in Eastbrook
8/2/2022	Farris, Foley & Dick, PA	Bill Pay			\$1,918.45		Seven Star Legal fees
8/12/2022	Adam Grindle	9958			\$400.00		Schoodic Roof Repair Deposit
9/16/2022	NGM Insurance Company	1000119689		\$183.00			Refund of Insurance Premium Seven Star
9/19/2022	Adam Grindle	9966			\$600.00		Schoodic Roof Repair Balance
4th QTR Total				\$23,628.00	\$3,418.45	\$56,009.39	

Active Grange Profit and Loss Statement

	Name	Check #	In	Out	Balance	Comments
10/12/2021	Farris, Foley & Dick	Bill Pay		\$ 2,513.00		Legal fees for Community Grange, North Jay and Jonesboro
11/1/2021	Central Maine Power	Bill Pay		\$ 24.23		North Jay- New Norland Electric bill
11/8/2021	Key Bank - CC	Account Transfer		\$ 3.00		copy of New Sharon Grange's Corporate filing
11/26/2021	O'Donnell Lee, P.A.	18499	\$ 37,512.00			Mt. Philip - Sale of New Sharon Building
12/2/2021	Central Maine Power	Bill Pay		\$ 17.93		North Jay- New Norland Electric bill
12/9/2021	Kennebec Savings Bank	17979	\$ 5.24			Kennebec Valley Interest
12/10/2021	Farris, Foley & Dick	Bill Pay		\$ 3,059.41		Mt. Philip and Community Grange legal fees
1st QTR Total			\$ 37,517.24	\$ 5,617.57	\$ 31,899.67	
1/6/2022	Kennebec Savings Bank	18750	\$ 5.07			Kennebec Valley Interest
1/7/2022	Central Maine Power	Bill Pay		\$ 33.84		North Jay- New Norland Electric bill
1/20/2022	Farris, Foley & Dick	Bill Pay		\$ 688.75		Legal fees- New Norland
1/24/2022	The MSA Group	Bill Pay		\$ 105.00		Insurance for New Norland & Chesterville
2/3/2022	Trewoy & Baldacci	5019677	\$ 60,307.00			Sale of New Norland Building merged with North Jay
2/10/2022	Kennebec Savings Bank	18721	\$ 5.07			Kennebec Valley Interest
2/21/2022	The MSA Group	Bill Pay		\$ 518.00		Chesterville, Jacksonville and New Norland Insurance
2/23/2022	Mt. Philip Grange	9929		\$ 28,325.34		Deposited in CD
2/28/2022	Farris, Foley & Dick	Bill Pay		\$ 234.50		Mt. Philip Legal fees for sale of New Sharon building

Active Grange Profit and Loss Statement

2nd QTR Total				\$ 60,317.14	\$ 29,905.43	\$ 62,311.38	
4/7/2022	Kennebec Savings Bank		18591	\$ 5.08			Kennebec Valley Interest
4/9/2022	North Jay Grange #10		9935		\$ 1,000.00		Sale of New Norland Building
	Kennebec Valley Grange #128		9936		\$ 400.00		Toilet Replacement
5/2/2022	Farris, Foley & Dick	Bill Pay			\$ 377.00		Legal Fees Sale of Chesterville Building
6/6/2022	Farris, Foley & Dick	Bill Pay			\$ 1,827.75		Legal Fees Sale of Chesterville Building
	Key Bank- CC	Account Transfer			\$ 35.00		Filing Fee-Chesterville
6/9/2022	Maine Justice Foundation		3271	\$ 49,210.50			Sale of Chesterville Building
	Kennebec Savings Bank		18541	\$ 5.25			Kennebec Valley Interest
3rd QTR Total				\$ 49,220.83	\$ 3,639.75	\$ 107,892.46	
7/19/2022	Community Grange		9949		\$ 1,000.00		Money given after sale of building
8/4/2022	NGM Insurance Company		1000111870	\$ 197.00			Chesterville (Community) reimbursement
9/9/2022	Kennebec Saving Bank		18450	\$ 5.75			CD Interest Kennebec Valley
4th QTR Total				\$ 202.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 107,095.21	

Dormant Granges

	A	B	C	D
1	Grange	Closed	Assets	Comments
2				
3	Amity-Cary #384	Mar. 2016	(\$1,456.50)	
4	Kezar Lake #440	Mar. 2016	\$417.50	
5	Dexter #155	Jun. 2016	(\$1,504.17)	
6	Ripley # 462	Jun. 2016	(\$2,865.25)	
7	Machias Valley #360	Sept. 2016	\$25,152.07	
8	Chebeague Island #576	Sept. 2016	(\$22.99)	
9	<b>Total 2023</b>		<b>\$25,569.57</b>	
10				
11	Robbinston #443	Jun. 2017	\$31,943.64	
12	Mousam Lake #467	Jun. 2017		
13	Osceola #570	Sept. 2017	\$13,347.40	
14	<b>Total 2024</b>		<b>\$45,291.04</b>	
15				
16	Garrison Hill #497	Dec. 2017	\$13,855.50	
17	Minerva 383	Mar. 2018	\$6,086.69	
18	Verona 206		\$90,594.54	
19	Woolwich 68	Jun. 2018	\$23,145.05	
20	Seven Star #73	Sep. 2018	\$19,588.05	
21	Harvest Home 52		\$27,534.65	
22	<b>Total 2025</b>		<b>\$180,804.48</b>	
23				
24	Indian River 330	Mar. 2019	(\$1,771.35)	
25	Escutarsis 231	Mar. 2019	(\$1,709.75)	
26	Mystic Tie 58	Mar. 2019	\$30,386.19	
27	Arlington 528	Mar. 2019	\$20,818.00	
28	Bear Mountain 62	Jun. 2019	\$33,600.30	
29	Greenwood 363	Jun. 2019	(\$2,876.50)	
30	Schoodic 420	Jun. 2019	(\$2,351.00)	
31	Riverside 465	Jun. 2019	(\$2,816.00)	
32	<b>Total 2026</b>		<b>\$84,804.49</b>	
33				
34	Waterboro 432	Dec. 2019		
35	Aurora 202	Dec. 2019	\$24,344.50	
36	North Haven 496	Jun. 2020	\$57,209.78	
37				
38	<b>Total 2027</b>		<b>\$81,554.28</b>	
39				
40	Cape Elizabeth 242	Dec. 2020		
41				
42	<b>Total 2028</b>			
43				
44	Cathance 510	Dec. 2021		
45	Garland 76	Jun. 2022		
46				

Dormant Granges

	A	B	C	D
47	<b>Total 2029</b>			
48				
49	<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$418,023.86</b>
50				
51	Dormant Grange Accounts			
52	100033330	Kennebec Savings	CD-Machias	\$29,815.23
53		Valley		
54	Total			\$29,815.23
55				
56				
57	Amount Dormant Grange Account Must Cover			\$388,208.63



2021-2022  
Balance Sheet

	A	B	C	D
1		Financial Institution	Account Name	Balance 09/2022
2		Key Bank	checking	\$178,585.47
3		Key Bank	Savings	\$175,303.32
4		Kennebec Savings	Savings	\$10,820.48
5				
6	State Grange Dedicated Accounts			
7		Kennebec Savings	CD-Bear River Scholarship	\$6,595.06
8		Kennebec Savings	CD-Camp Fund	\$49,237.39
9		Kennebec Savings	CD-Host Fund	\$50,619.34
10		Kennebec Savings	CD-Livermore Goodwin	\$50,492.75
11		Kennebec Savings	CD-Memorial Fund	\$22,397.34
12		Kennebec Savings	N. Clifford Scholarship	\$3,118.33
13		Kennebec Savings	V. Clark Youth	\$2,297.97
14				
15	Total			\$184,758.18
16				
17	State Grange Accounts			
18		Kennebec Savings	CD-Reserve	\$61,661.14
19		Kennebec Savings	Queen City	\$31,515.18
20		Bangor Savings	CD-	\$83,187.58
21		Bangor Savings	CD-	\$178,762.91
22		Kennebec Savings	CD-Naples	\$6,506.54
23		Kennebec Savings	CD-Eastern Star	\$5,232.26
24				
25	Total			\$366,865.61
26	Investment Accounts			
27		Avisio Financial		\$51,124.03
28		Kennebec Savings		\$214,986.25
29		Key Bank	FDIC Insured Deposits	\$0.15
30			Delaware Life	\$264,421.31
31			Great American Life	\$73,443.81
32			Jackson National Life	\$281,034.00
33				
34	Total			\$885,009.55
35				
36				
37		Total Assets		\$1,616,584.43
38				
39				

2021-2022  
Balance Sheet

	A	B	C	D
40		Committee Accounts		\$19,600.21
41		Dormant Granges		\$388,208.63
		Merged Granges that		\$101,895.76
42		have sold assets and cd's		
		need to be set up		
43				
44				
45			Available Funds	\$1,106,879.83
46				
47				
48				
49	Loan	Danville Junction	Balance remaining	\$183.12
50		Arbutus		\$4,386.52
51		Alexander		\$2,084.43
		New England Grange		\$1,500.00
52		Building		
	Mortgage	Eastern Star- Angels		\$0.00
53		Among Us		

Committee	9/30/2021
CWA	1,079.71
Home for Little Wanders	495.00
House in the Woods	490.00
Agriculture	5,125.01
FH & H	1,036.30
Community Service	1,328.50
Junior	6,787.99
Youth	3,056.63
Travel Fund	530.92
Membership	114.55
Memorial Fund	473.49
Publicity	67.11
Total	19,600.21



## STATE SECRETARY

To: Sherry Harriman, Master of the Maine State Grange, Ann Bercher, National Grange Lecturer, Officers of the Maine State Grange and Delegates and Members of the Maine State Grange.

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

## SUBORDINATE GRANGES

Our total number of Subordinate Granges as of June 30, 2021 is 84 which shows a decrease of Subordinate Granges from June 30, 2021 which was 87 Subordinate Granges.

### September 30, 2020 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges	87
Number of Granges Organized	0
Number of Granges Reorganized	0
Number of Granges Dropped	0
Number of Grange Consolidated	0
Total Granges	87
Total Membership	2533
Golden Sheaf	256
Non Exempt Golden Sheaf	281

**December 31, 2021 Subordinate Quarterly Report**

Number of Granges	87
Number of Granges Organized	0
Number of Granges Reorganized	0
Number of Granges Dropped	1
Cathance 510	
Number of Granges Consolidated	1
Jacksonville 358 with Jonesboro 357	
Total Granges	85
Total Membership	2477
Golden Sheaf	234
Non Exempt Golden Sheaf	286

**March 31, 2022 Subordinate Quarterly Report**

Number of Granges	85
Number of Granges Organized	0
Number of Granges Reorganized	0
Number of Granges Dropped	0
Number of Granges Consolidated	0
Total Granges	85
Total Membership	2469
Golden Sheaf	225
Non Exempt Golden Sheaf	290

**June 30, 2022 Subordinate Quarterly Report**

Number of Granges	85
Number of Granges Organized	
Number of Granges Reorganized	0
Number of Granges Dropped	1
Garland 76	
Number of Granges Consolidated	0
Total Granges	84
Total Membership	2425
Golden Sheaf	225
Non Exempt Golden Sheaf	271

As I prepared this report I have received 37 Subordinate Grange quarterly dues reports for the quarter ending September 30, 2022 with 47 outstanding quarterly dues reports for the September 30, 2022 quarter

**Membership 2022**

A report of Subordinate Granges that had a net increase in membership will be listed in our Membership report. A job well done to each and every Subordinate/Community Granges who had a successful membership drive...

**POMONA GRANGES**

As I prepare this report I am happy to report that 13 Pomona Granges have filed the 2022 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 and enjoyed camp and meetings in the Bangor area.

**CERTIFICATES**

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

**Arbutus #450**

65 Years Catherine Farley  
60 Years Clara Gray  
Brenda Fowler Rankin  
50 Years Thomas Cooper  
Suzette O'Donnell Tapley

**Bingham #237**

50 Years Eldon Spaulding

**Danville Junction Grange No. 65**

25 Years Amy Young  
Caroline Coffin  
40 Years Kim Kobierski  
60 Years Gleason Sturtevant  
70 Years Glenys Ryder

**Enterprise 48**

65 Year Wihelmine D. Oakes  
60 Years Wilhelmine D. Oakes  
John W. Wallace Jr.  
50 Years Wilhelmine D. Oakes  
John W. Wallace Jr.  
Fulton Donald Oakes Jr.  
25 years Wilhelmine D. Oakes

**Fairview #342**

50 Years Milford Witham

**Hudson #457**

50 Years Sylvia Crosman  
Darlene Miles  
Albert Willette  
Brenda Willette

**John F. Hill #393**

50 Years Margaret A. Morse  
Diane A. Miller

**Lakeside #63**

70 Years Pauline Dyer  
50 Years Stephen T. Seames  
40 Years Richard Jennings



**Maple Grove Grange No. 148**

50 Years Phyllis Schroeder

**\*Meenagha #555**

85 Years

80 Years Madelyn Creamer

75 Years was presented these

70 Years certificates

**No. Scarboro Grange No. 495**

70 Years Luther Merry

50 Years Cheryl Walls

25 Years Linwood Varney

**Norway #45**

80 Years Morris Tucker

65 Years Jean Wyman

60 Years Timothy Pike

25 Years Margaret Cole

Julie Emerson

**Parkman #305**

40 Years Elizabeth Morin

James Morin

**Perry #324**

65 Years Carl Morrison

50 Years Helen Brooks

47 Years Linda Brooks

24 Years Geneva Duncan Frost5

Paul Woodman

20 Years Mary Stoll

Lynn Woodman

Aurea Stoll

Rhea Politis

**Topsham Grange No. 37**

75 Years Alfred Dingley

Merton Ricker

50 Years Rebecca Curtis

25 Years Diane Hauck

Michael Labbe

Eugene Muzzey

**Valley Grange No. 144**

75 Years Elizabeth Herring  
55 Years Roderick Lander

**Victor #49**

75 Years Clyde Taylor  
70 Years Frank W. Tozier  
Wilma Pouliot  
65 Years Frank W. Tozier  
Everett Barnard  
60 Years Frank W. Tozier  
Nancy Karter  
55 Years Janet Parkhurst  
50 Years Rita Fortin  
Wanda Shorty  
45 Years Pamela Clark  
40 Years Roger Shorty  
Richard Parkhurst  
Robert Sezak  
25 Years Luke Shorty  
Zachary Shorty

**White Rock #380**

60 Years Virginia Williamson  
Dorothy Abbott  
Gloria McBee  
50 Years Stephen Jesse Orach  
Judith Macias  
40 Years Pattie Rust

**Willow Grange No. 366**

85 Years Madelyn Creamer  
75 Years Hazel Kleinschmidt  
70 Years Henry Post  
65 Years Leo Glidden  
Kathryn Brown  
60 Years Dorothy Parker  
55 Years Nancy Post  
Norman Hunt  
50 Years Wilfred Manley, Jr  
Sharon Morton  
Patricia Moody  
Norman Hunt

25 Years      Judith Hunt

**Winthrop #209**

50 Years      Eva Davenport

**TECHNOLOGY**

This past year the Quarterly Membership form was updated and I believe it is more user friendly. The new form will be replacing the old form on the website.

The 2021 Journal of Proceedings has been completed and I will be sending it to our webmaster for adding to the Secretary Resources information.

**ROSTER**

Roster information requests were 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 have now have gotten back to a normal schedule and returning to Community activities. I pray that you all still 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 HEADQUARTERS BUDGET  
2022 – 2023**

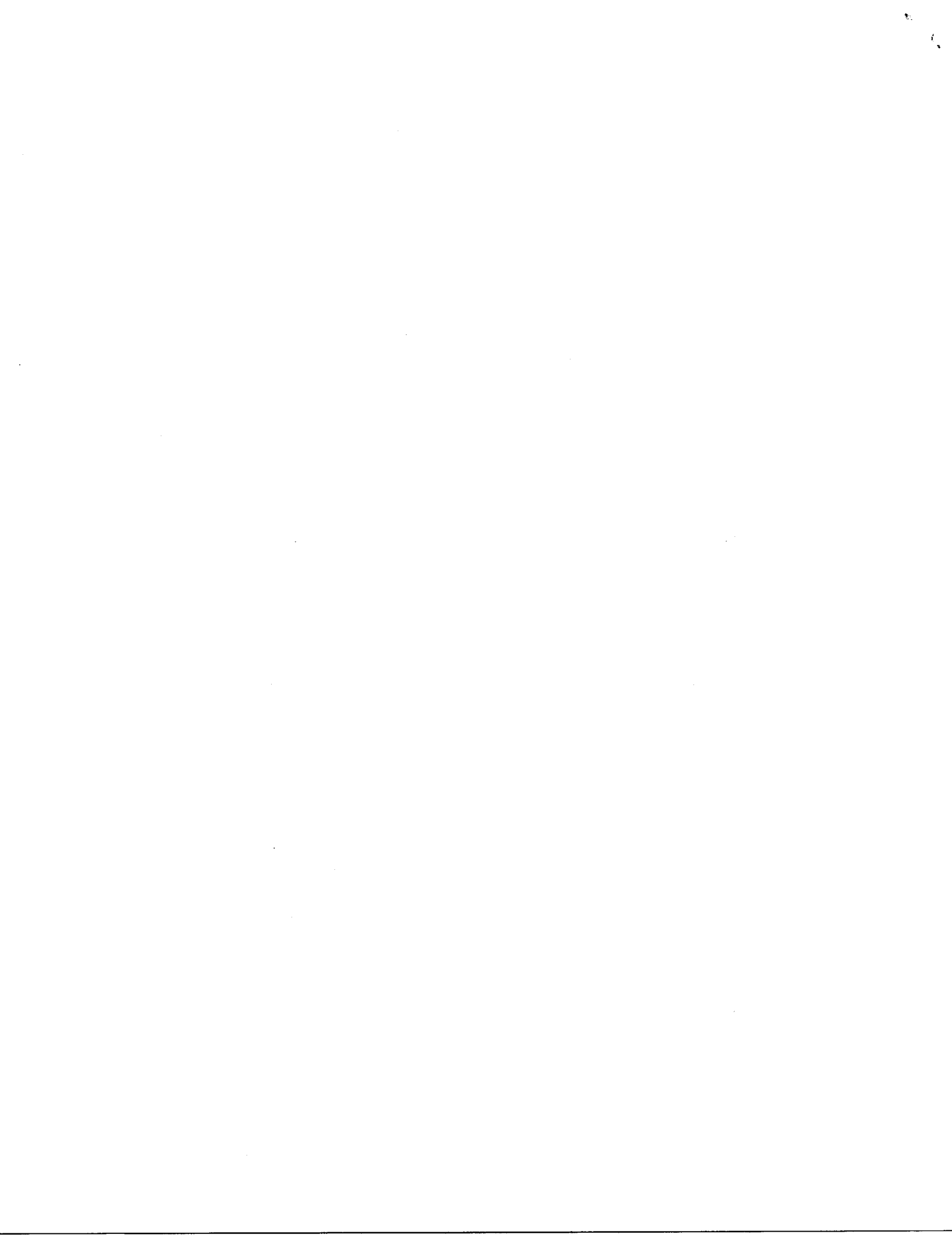
	A	B	C	D
1		PROPOSED 21 - 22	Actual 21 - 22	PROPOSED 22 - 23
2	INCOME:			
3	RENTAL INCOME	\$ 32,400.00	30,210.00	\$ 9,000.00
4	MAINE STATE GRANGE RENT	\$ 16,650.00	18,397.10	\$ 38,200.00
5	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
6				
7	TOTAL:	\$ 50,050.00	48,607.10	\$48,200.00
8				
9	EXPENSES:			
10	PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 12,000.00	12,058.66	\$ 12,500.00
11	INSURANCE	\$ 5,500.00	5,679.00	\$ 6,000.00
12	ELECTRICITY	\$ 2,500.00	2,499.52	\$ 2,500.00
13	FUEL	\$ 15,000.00	17,839.00	\$ 17,000.00
14	JANITORIAL SERVICE	\$ 3,000.00	2,355.00	\$ 1,000.00
15	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$ 7,000.00	1,689.00	\$ 5,000.00
16	WATER	\$ 200.00	178.35	\$ 200.00
17	SANITATION – SEWER & STORM	\$ 1,600.00	1,566.13	\$ 1,650.00
18	WASTE REMOVAL	\$ 750.00	885.71	\$ 850.00
19	SNOW REMOVAL & SALT WALKS	\$ 2,000.00	3,550.00	\$ 1,000.00
20	SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	306.73	300.00
21	MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 200.00		200.00
22				
23	TOTAL	\$ 50,050.00	48,607.10	\$ 48,200.00
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**PROPOSED STATE GRANGE BUDGET  
2022 – 2023**

	A	B	C	D
1	A	PROPOSED 21 - 22	ACTUAL 21 - 22	PROPOSED 22 - 23
2	INCOME:			
3	DUES (2400 -500 Golden = 1900 @ 23	\$ 44,350.00	42,923.95	43,700.00
4	OFFICERS' BONDS	\$ 100.00	725.00	300.00
5	RESERVE FUNDS	\$ 87,760.00	78,390.85	101,660.00
6	SUPPLIES SOLD (INCLUDES POSTAGE)	\$ 500.00	1,764.50	1,000.00
7	MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 1,000.00	1,771.49	1,000.00
8	FUND RAISING	\$ 1,000.00	279.75	500.00
9	A			
10	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 134,710.00	125,855.54	148,160.00
11				
12				
13				
14				
15	EXPENSES:			
16	DUES TO NATIONAL (2200 @ 14)	\$ 31,500.00	31,374.00	30,800.00
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	0.0	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
22	SECRETARY'S SALARY	\$ 6,000.00	5,833.34	6,000.00
23	OFFICE SECRETARY	0.0	1,105.00	N/A
24	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$ 1,000.00	0.0	500.00
25	PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 3,000.00	2,723.56	3,550.00
26	STATE OFFICERS' BOND	\$ 400.00		400.00
27	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 1,500.00	1,418.35	1,500.00
28	POSTAGE	\$ 3,000.00	3,326.77	3,500.00
29	STATE OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,500.00	2,054.13	1,700.00
30	OFFICE EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	\$ 1,500.00	5,182.45	5,500.00
31	OFFICE RENT	\$ 16,650.00	18,397.10	38,200.00
32	GRANGE SUPPLIES FOR RESALE	\$ 1,000.00	3,976.93	2,000.00
33	PRINTING	\$ 1,500.00	876.72	2,000.00
34	LEGAL (Does not include closed Granges)	\$ 1,000.00	402.00	500.00

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2022-2023 PROPOSED STATE GRANGE BUDGET (CONT.)

	A	B	C	D
	▲	PROPOSED 21 - 22	ACTUAL 21 - 22	PROPOSED 22 - 23
	▲			
35	ACCOUNTING	\$ 1,750.00	1,876.00	1,800.00
36	MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 1,800.00	424.05	1,000.00
37	STATE FILING FEES	\$ 35.00	35.00	35.00
38	ANNUAL STATE SESSION	\$ 5,500.00	4,671.32	5,500.00
39	DEPUTIES EXPENSE	\$ 1,500.00	335.51	1,000.00
40	STIPENDS (\$200 EACH DIRECTOR) – AGRICULTURE; CWA; COMMUNICATION; COMMUNITY SERVICE; FFH; FUND RAISING; JUNIOR; LEGISLATIVE; MEMBERSHIP; YOUTH	\$ 2,000.00	1,600.00	2,000.00
41	WEBSITE	\$ 1,000.00	1,275.00	1,200.00
42	PROMOTION	\$ 1,500.00	1,555.50	1,500.00
43	GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$ 1,500.00	1,172.85	1,200.00
44	NATIONAL CONVENTION ASSESMENT		2,465.00	2,500.00
45				
46				
47	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 134,710.00	125,855.54	\$ 148,160.00
48				
49				
50	NATIONAL HOST FUND (Regional every 5 years)	\$ 4,500.00	4,500.00	0.0
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## MASTER'S ADDRESS

Worthy National Representative Anne Bercher, Officers, Delegates and Members of the Maine State Grange,

It is an honor to present my 2022 Maine State Grange Annual Address. 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. It is hard work, no doubt about it, but the rewards are worth it. I certainly appreciate the efforts of our Members, Deputies, Directors and Committees who work diligently on behalf of the Grange and wish us all success in the coming year. 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.

Jim Owens represented Maine last November as the delegate to the National Grange participating in all work and activities. I did not attend in person because of my bout with covid just prior to the National Convention, but did participate via zoom for some of the meetings and workshops. I was assigned to the Budget Committee and we did our advance work by zoom before the convention. Jim and I will be going to Sparks, Nevada this year in November. I have been assigned to Agriculture and Jim assigned to Grange Law. Again we will do updates by zoom to policy statements and review resolutions before the session opens.

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 a good handle on the plans for that event. Many volunteers will be needed for the National convention, for different activities, please help out. We have 2023 Convention T-shirts here for sale as a fundraiser, (we have them here). Each Northeast State is also required to pay a Host Fund Assessment of \$4,500, Maine's assessment was paid this year. This happens every five years.

### **Headquarters**

The Maine State Grange headquarters building in Augusta was taken off the market when the contract expired last year. 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. Our upstairs tenants, Maine Better Transportation, and Garbacik Surveyors on the first floor have moved, not for anything against us but the opportunity suited them, which leaves us with one tenant and our own offices. We are hoping to rent the spaces once again.

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, 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 several times and removed people. Sharon put up no trespassing signs as recommended by the

police, and Henry cleans up feces and puts the vagrants belongings near the dumpster as instructed by the police, then throws the items away if they are not removed. 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 needed to be done, 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.

I work at the office and a lot from home continuing with Grange work. I have communicated directly with the Subordinate & Pomona Masters/Presidents answering questions, calls & emails, creating, printing & sending assorted information, if one person asks a question I share the answer and info with all. I have attended meetings when required or was invited, answering questions and providing copies of materials to the members and others, sent letters to the Granges on a variety of subjects, to State Officers, Deputies and Directors and others, and written a monthly article for the bulletin.

I have traveled to closure or consolidation meetings, presented certificates, signed paperwork for deeds and contracts for the sales of buildings, etc., there are 15 halls currently for sale. Richard & I have cleaned out several buildings ourselves.

I hosted a School of Instruction for Deputies, Officers meetings, and Director meetings during the year, gaining a lot of input and ideas from those attending. I have continued to update the paperwork describing ritual floor work and how-to information in more detail and making it easier to understand. Our State Committees and Departments have continued to work very hard promoting programs and events. Most of our Granges are going great guns, some large, some small but doing great things in their communities but we still have others struggling. Attendance, participation and finances are the biggest concerns.

Four Former State Officers passed away during this past year, Sister Dot Brown, Brother Wayne Sherman, Sister Dot Shores also a Past Officer of the National Grange and Sister Elaine Walls, several Deputies, and many other valuable members. Their passing was a difficult time at the Subordinate, Pomona and State levels and they will certainly be missed by many here in Maine and all over the country, as they each made friends everywhere during their memorable Grange journeys.

### **Meetings and Membership**

Membership and attendance at meetings continues to be of concern and is vital to our organization, a strong sense of achievement and service to our communities must be developed. Community activities and involvement are important but so is the Grange Ritual. The Grange Ritual (the set pattern that we do things at each meeting) may seem outdated to some or unnecessary, but it is part of this Fraternal Organization and to be considered a Grange **MUST** be followed. Some things have been modernized and simplified but the basics are still there. Let's make the effort to be part of it whether in person or use of technology.

Internal fighting is a problem and hurtful to our Order, we are a collective group working together for the betterment of all, no one member should control everything that happens in the Grange. Every member in every Grange has a say and a vote on what goes on, whether they agree or disagree with your opinion, each is entitled to that vote. Respectful discussions must take place in the meeting where each can express their views and listen to others views.

By this time, we should all be meeting in person once again. Reach out to those members who haven't been to Grange for a while, what can we do to get them to return? Is it a matter of a ride, a different day of the week or consider a day meeting?

Several successful degree days were held throughout the state at different times during the year and many more Granges conferred the Obligation Ceremony. We had 24 Granges with Net Gains in Membership, that's more than a quarter of our Granges. However, we did not have a net gain overall this year. Maybe next time. Many public events were held, where we had a manned booth and some unmanned, ag trade show, fairs, and other events where we publicized Grange.

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 AND seasoned 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. New ideas came out of necessity, we missed being together, so where we had become bored with our meetings, we need to continue with our renewed excitement, new ideas and the positive energy can be contagious to say the least.

As you have heard in the State Secretary's report, we have lost more Subordinate Granges and one more Pomona this past year with an overall loss of membership. A few Granges are considering consolidation or closure, but they have been struggling for some time. 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.

### **Agriculture**

The Agriculture Committee under the direction of Willie Grenier, promotes agriculture with their participation in several statewide events and has met often during the year. 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.

### **Fairs**

Agricultural Fairs were opened once again with record attendances. Many 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. If your Grange can't put in a full Domestic, Agricultural or Combined display for your Grange, why not consider putting in an Educational or Informational Display. The building Superintendents, appreciate your efforts and need your displays to get people to come in and look, keep up the good work.

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 Mike, Pauline, Judy, Jimmy, and Vicki from Maine who went and worked in the store for the first weekend.

### **Committee of Women's Activities**

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

Thank you to all who sent items for the State sales tables and the sales tables at the Big-E. They will gladly accept all that you can provide for next year.

### **Community Service**

Director Christine Corliss received twenty four reports and notebooks, WOW! 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 our Granges need to publicize our helpful deeds better. Brag yourselves up and your good works.

### **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.

### **Fundraising**

Norma Meserve chairman and the fundraising committee have been dedicated in their fundraising efforts and still works for the good of the Grange and we appreciate what has been done. The yard sale was another success.

### **Junior Grange**

Thank-you Co-Junior Directors, Marilyn Stinson and Terry LaCombe-Stevens have worked hard to increase the number of active Junior members through their various programs and activities. Distance 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. We are looking for a new Director or Co-Directors to take over the position.

### **Legislative**

Director Linda Weston, 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 active in legislative issues in your local community. As in days gone by, the Grange can make a difference, be part of the solution and be an important part of our community, state and nation.

### **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 which keeps our membership informed. It is sent to the Secretary of each Grange around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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 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.

### **In Conclusion**

CONSIDERATIONS FOR GRANGE LEADERS: There are no easy solutions. Prevention is a future thing. People are more important to situations than things. Embarrassed kittens become tigers. People rise to a challenge, if it is given. A person's loyalty is a function of how he feels he is appreciated. A person's self-esteem is his most important possession. Don't destroy it. Most major jobs can be broken down into several manageable tasks. If something is inevitable, acknowledge it and use it to your best advantage. Volunteers don't work for money- they work for good feelings. If you don't ask the right questions, you won't get the right answers. Volunteers are more committed to tasks they have helped develop. Learn from your mistakes and keep a useful record for your successor. Time invested in planning pays off in the end. What you feel is not always apparent to others. Communication and understanding take effort. Prevention is planned anticipation. If a volunteer doesn't understand why he is doing something, he probably won't do it well. Always show more concern for the people than the task. They get the job done for you. Creative ideas flourish in a free and open environment. Build on the past, don't be tied to it. Change is the very thing we can count on, are you preparing to deal with it? The future will be very different from the past, like it or not. If you don't invest time in doing it right now, when will you have time to do it over? Are you helping those around you to grow and become future leaders? Cultivate a positive attitude in yourself and co-workers, if you expect positive results.

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





Sister Ann Bercher was introduced as our honored guest and was escorted to the Master's station. Sister Bercher said she was happy to be here and brought greetings from National President, Betsy Huber.

### Report of the Credentials Committee (Partial)

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

35 Subordinate Granges represented with 58 voting delegates

12 Pomona Granges represented with 23 voting delegates

Total voting delegates of 81

### Formal Presentation of the Maine State Grange Deputies

Excelsior 5 Robert Smith

Masters

Lincoln 19 Holly well

Sales

Oxford 2 Steven Haycock

Stewards

Penobscot 8 Phil Parsons

Overseer/Assistant Steward

Sagadahoc 9 Benjamin Edgerly

Gatekeepers

Somerset 6 Harriet Spencer

Sales

Washington 16 Dale Holst

Steward/Gatekeeper

York 14 Melissa Baldwin

Lecturer/Lady Assistant Steward

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 the Auditor/Treasurer

The Auditor's Report submitted by J. Patrick Elwell was read and accepted and ordered printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and will be brought before the delegate body at Friday's session for discussion and acceptance.

### Report of the Secretary

The Secretary's report will be brought before the delegate body Friday's session for discussion and acceptance.

### Presentation of the 2022-2023 Budget

Discussion and vote will be done at Friday's session. Please read the documents for the Maine State Grange and Headquarters budgets and the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports as well.

### **2:00 P.M.**

#### State Master's Annual Address

State Overseer, Adrian Griffin, introduced Sherry A. Harriman, Master of the Maine State Grange for her Annual Address. (The Address will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings) The Committee on the Master's Address is Brenda Dyer, Chair; Dale Holst and Yvonne Johnson.

### **2:30 P.M.**

Break for preparation for the Memorial Service

### **2:45 P.M.**

Memorial Service  
Clayton Collins, State Chaplain

### **Maine State Grange Memorial Service – 2022**

#### **This program shall proceed without announcements:**

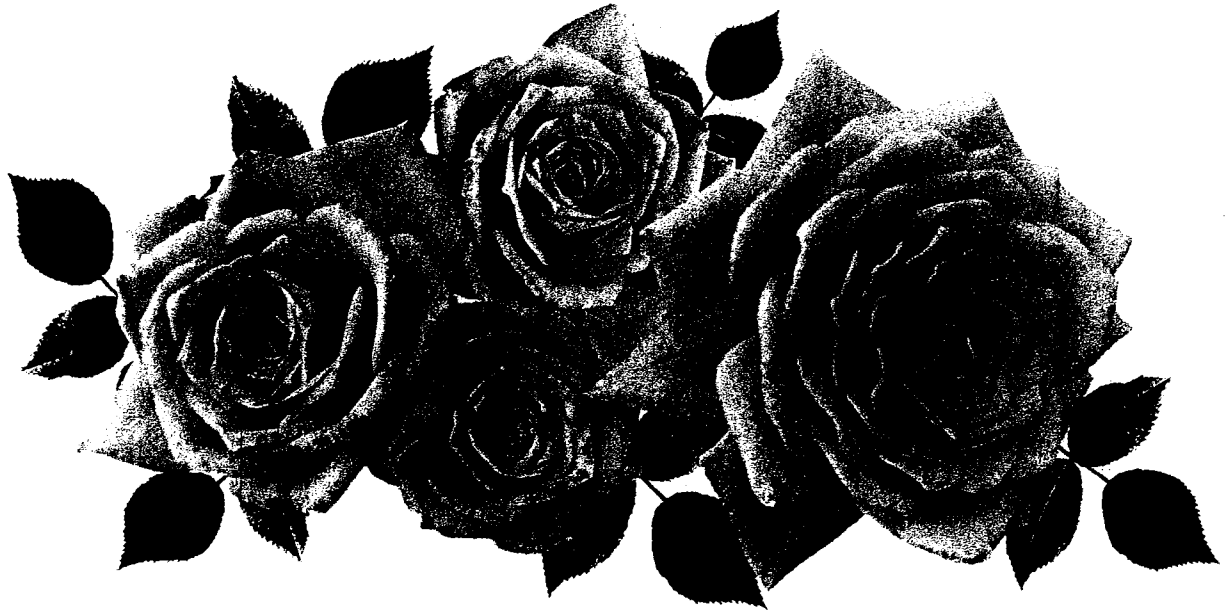
Small bare cross is placed on Altar.

Hall is dark, opened Bible upon the Altar with unlit candle in upper left corner.



IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
DOROTHY BROWN  
FORMER TREASURER  
OF THE  
MAINE STATE GRANGE

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IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
WAYNE SHERMAN  
FORMER CHAPLAIN  
OF THE  
MAINE STATE GRANGE

In silence, Chaplain proceeds directly to the Altar, lights the candle, then returns to station in the same line of march.

**Reading: Thoughts –**

**“Grange work is our candle; we shall not want for light. It maketh us to forget ourselves in remembering others. It radiates God’s love to Officers and Members alike. It restoreth our spirits. It leadeth us down the bright path of service to our fellowmen; Yea, though we walk in paths where life is given and taken away, the candle burns brightly, and the light ever gleaming. Through a nod, a smile, or at work, we know we are needed. It glows with the knowledge of “The Grange”. What it stands for, how it serves, and our cup runneth over. Surely the rewards of our Grange far exceed what we have given. And the light of the candle of service.**

**Debra Ivers, Flora, MSG**

**Reading: “Arabian Proverbs” Clay Collins, Chaplain, MSG**

**He who knows not and knows not that he knows not**

**He is a fool – shun him;**

**He who knows not and knows he knows not,**

**He is simple – teach him;**

**He who knows and knows not he knows,**

**He is asleep – wake him;**

**He who knows and knows he knows;**

**He is wise – follow him.**

**Tribute: Dorothy Brown Harriet Spencer, Former Ceres, MSG**

**Song: “His Eye Is on The Sparrow” Debra Ivers, Flora, MSG**

**(Page 85 – Grange Song Book, as song is being sung, flowers will be taken to the altar.) (All three verses.)**

**Scripture: Ruth 1:16 – 17 Clayton Collins, Chaplain, MSG**

**And Ruth said, “Entreat me not to leave Thee, or to return from following after Thee: For whither Thou goest, I will go: and where Thou lodgest, I will lodge: They people shall be my people, and Thy God my God: where Thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: The Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part Thee and me.”**

**Tribute:**                    **Wayne Sherman**                    **Steve Verrill, Former Master, MSG**

**Song:**                    **“How Great Thou Art”**                    **Debra Ivers, Flora, MSG**  
(Page 104 – Grange Song Book, as song is being sung, flowers will be taken to the altar.) (All three verses.)

**Scripture:**    **Psalm 23**

**The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; They rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou annoitest my head with oil: My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.**

**Tribute:**                    **Dorothy Shores**                    **Elmira Collins, Former LAS, MSG**

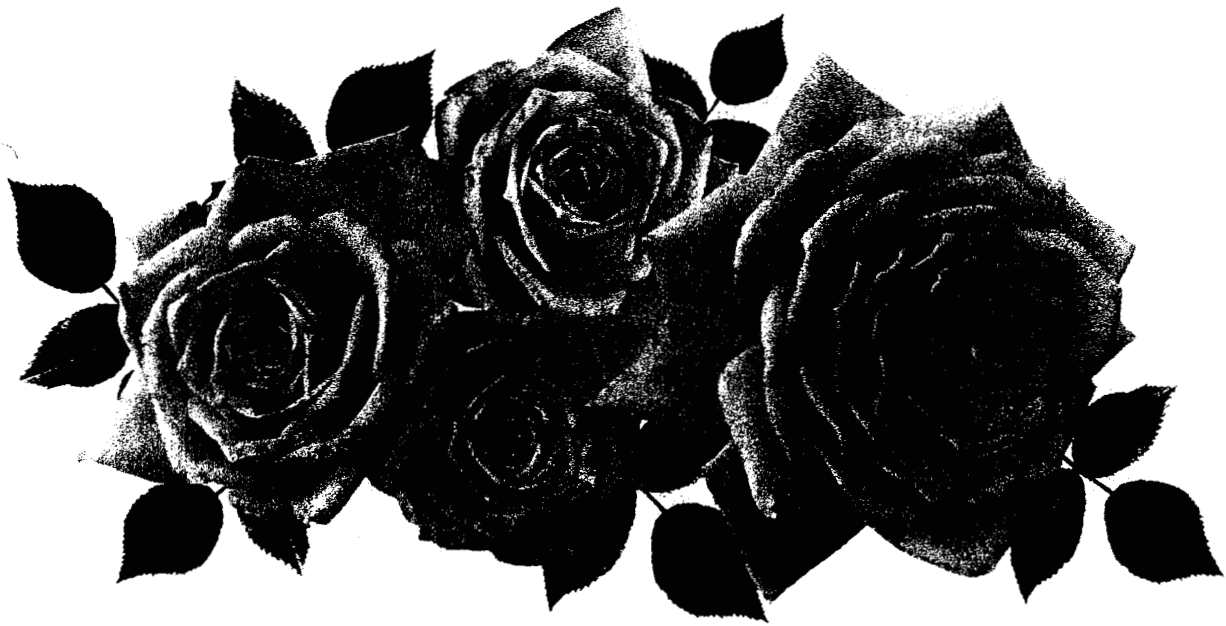
**Song:**                    **“Pass It On”**                    **Debra Ivers, Flora, MSG**  
(Page 111 – Grange Song Book, as song is being sung, flowers will be taken to altar.) (All three verses.)

**Scripture:**                    **Psalms 104:24**                    **Clay Collins, Chaplain, MSG**

**How varied are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You have wrought them all, the earth is full of your creatures.**

**Tribute:**                    **Elaine Walls**                    **Clay Collins, Chaplain, MSG**

**Song:**                    **“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”**                    **Debra Ivers, Flora, MSG**  
(Page 105 – Grange Song Book, as song is being sung, flowers will be taken to the altar.) (All three verses.)



IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
DOROTHY SHORES  
FORMER CERES  
NATIONAL GRANGE  
FORMER FLORA  
MAINE STATE GRANGE



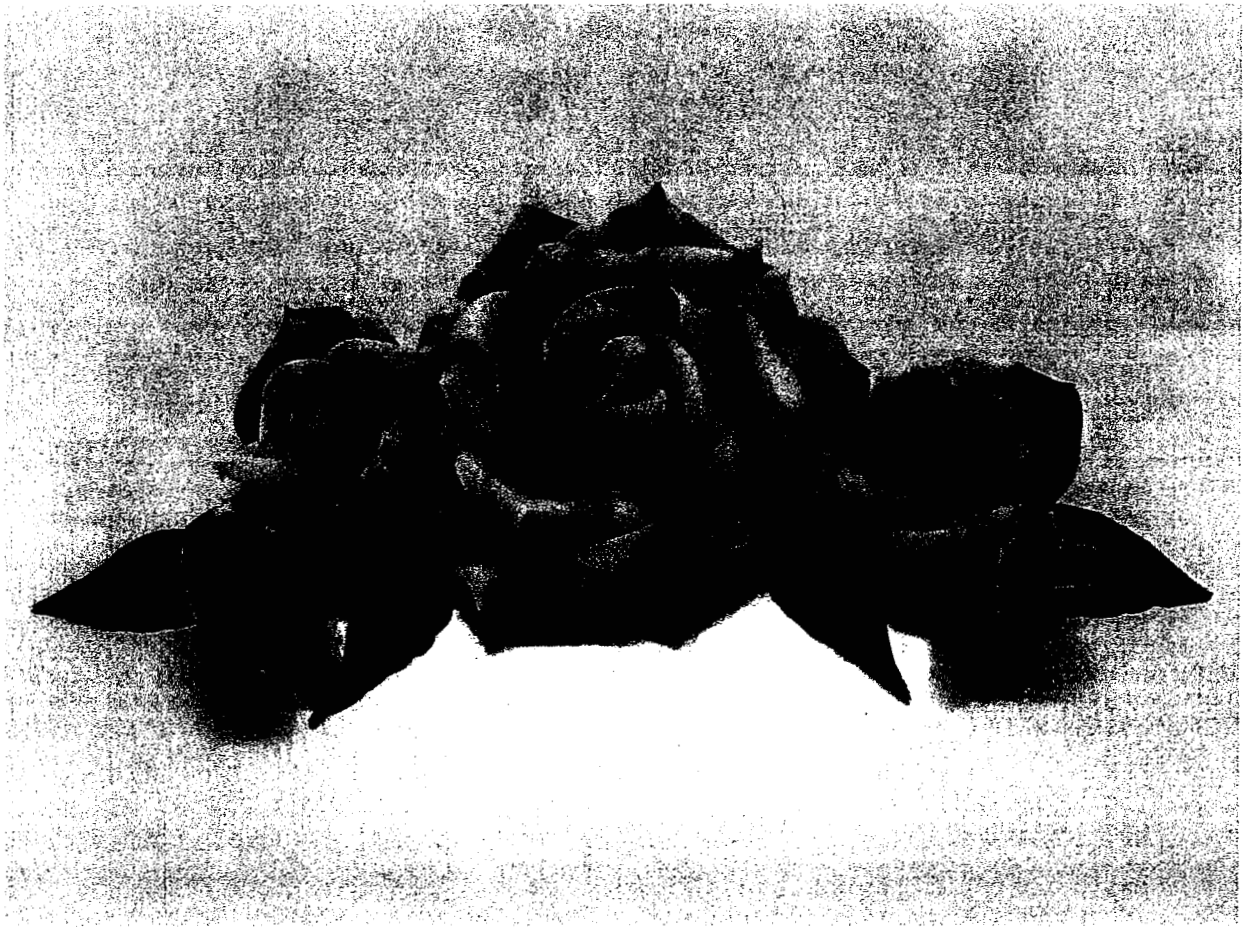
IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
ELAINE WALLS  
FORMER  
LADY ASSISTANT  
STEWARD  
OF THE  
MAINE STATE GRANGE

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



IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF ALL  
FORMER  
SUBORDINATE GRANGE  
MEMBERS

**Scripture:**                **Psalms 31:4**                                **Clay Collins, Chaplain, MSG**

**You are my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake you will lead and guide me.**

**Tribute:**     **Deputies/Jr. Deputies**     **Yvonne Johnson, Former Deputy, MSG**

**Song:**                **"Abide With ME"**                                **Debra Ivers, Flora, MSG**  
(Page 90 – Grange Song Book, as song is being sung, flowers will be taken to the altar.) (First three verses.)

**Tribute:**                **Subordinate Members**                                **Adrian Griffin, Overseer, MSG**

**Song:**                **"Let There Be Peace On Earth"**                                **Debra Ivers, Flora, MSG**  
(Page 100 – Grange Song Book, as song is being sung, flowers will be taken to the altar.)

**Meditation:**

**Today we have heard tributes to our four State Grange officers that have gone on to the great Grange above. We have also heard tributes to our Deputy Masters and Subordinate members who have also left our family circle and gone on the prepare a place for us.**

**We know that life isn't forever (even though we wish it were). These family and friends worked hard and loved their work and family. They did their best in all that they did.**

**Our manual and secret work are based on the Bible with all of the prayers about Christian values. The lessons of all of the degrees are from the Bible; the first – degree states that a good patron places faith in God, the second – nurtures hope, the third – dispenses charity, the fourth – is noted for fidelity, the fifth – teaches us to hope on-persevere ever, and the sixth – urges us to walk down life's pathway ever facing the light! These family and friends of ours practiced these lessons, and not importantly, they lived them.**

**True, they have physical left our scared circle, but their memories are still alive and well in our minds and hearts.**

**"Speak Their Name"**

**Someone I love has gone away  
And life is not the same.  
The greatest gift that you can give  
Is just to speak their name.**

**I need to hear the stories  
And the tales of days gone past,  
I need for you to understand  
These memories must last.**

**We'll never make more memories  
Since they are no longer here,  
So, when you say their names to me  
It's music to my ear.**

**Benediction:**

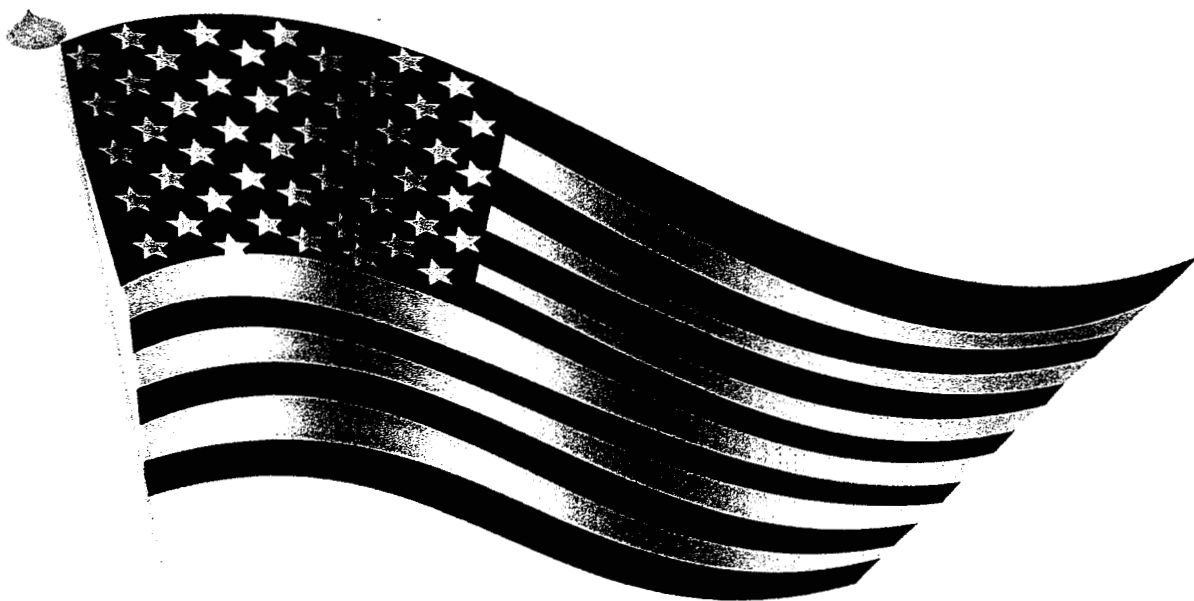
**Clay Collins, Chaplain, MSG**

**Our Heavenly Father, we ask in Thy holy name for:**

**"Health enough to make our work on earth  
A joy and pleasure,  
Wealth enough for all our needs  
But not Your greatest treasure.**

**Strength enough to face life's battles  
With the will to win,  
Grace enough to see, confess,  
And forsake very sin.**

**Patience, too, to help us persevere  
In all our labors;  
Charity enough to see some good  
In all our neighbors.**



HONOR OUR HEROS!

IN LOVING  
TRIBUTE  
TO ALL  
HEROS



**Love to sweeten life with helpful service  
Rendered to others,  
Faith to truly trust in You, God  
And count all men as brothers.**

**Hope to purge all anxious fear  
From all our future days...  
These will bring contentment,  
Spreading peace and power and praise.”  
“Contentment” By Adlai A. Esteb**

**Chaplain: Worthy Master, this concluded the Memorial Service.**

**3:45 P. M.**

Workshop or Discussion

(to be determined as NO resolutions were submitted for consideration)

The Grange held a Town Hall discussion with many topics and helpful ideas coming from our members.

**5:00 P. M.**

Close in the Fourth Degree

The first day of the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Maine State Grange was closed in full form in the Fourth Degree.

**6:00 P. M.**

**Banquet “Look for the Stars”**

**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 Litter Wanderers check and donated gifts, 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:** Marilyn Stinson, Co Junior Director, presented badges to the Juniors that had earned them this past year. Junior Director of the Massachusetts State Grange presented awards that the Juniors had won for their "Look for the Stars" project. Carolyn Coffin led the Juniors in a very rousing rendition of Rise and Shine. Great job Juniors.

### **Recognition of the Former Officers of the Maine State Grange**

Masters: James Owens, Richard Grotton and Vicki Huff  
Overseers: Richard Grotton, Vicki Huff and Sherry Harriman  
Lecturers: Richard Grotton, Sherry Harriman and James Owens  
Stewards: Richard Harriman, Adrian Griffin and James Owens  
Assistant Stewards: Clayton Collins  
Lady Assistant Stewards: Elmira Collins  
Chaplains: Clayton Collins  
Treasurers: James Owens  
Secretaries:  
Gatekeepers: Terry Spencer, Henry Morton and Richard Grotton  
Ceres: Linda Sherman, Vicki Huff, Christine Hebert and Harriet Spencer  
Floras: Roberta Meserve and Vicki Huff  
Soloists: Debra Ivers and Carolyn Coffin

### **Community Service/Family Health & Hearing Outstanding Granger**

Vicki Huff, in absence of Director, Christine Corliss, presented the awards for her.

For those of you who do not know Christine she is the Community Service Director of the Maine State Grange, a current member of Hollis Grange and York Pomona. She started her Grange experience at Riverside Grange until it closed 4 years ago and transferred to her current Grange. She has been the CS Director for 8 years and has a passion for Community Service. She has not been able to get out to granges the past two years because of Covid and Medical issues in her home but wants to get out there this year. That being said the presentations will begin.

I am very happy and excited to do the 1<sup>st</sup> two presentations tonight. I would like to ask Phil Roberts and Morgan Swan to come to the podium.



I am going to start with Firefighter/EMT of the Year. Jonesboro Grange nominated Phil Roberts. Phil Roberts is a 911 dispatcher at the Washington County Regional communications Center. Phil has served as firefighter/photographer for Machias Fire Department since 1978 and also serves the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department as a firefighter, photographer and secretary. Phil documents emergency scenes and fires for both fire departments when he is not working at Washington County RCC. Phil has volunteered for many years working at the Maine Wild Blueberry Festival to help raise money for the Machias Fire Department. For over 50 years Phil has documented baseball, soccer, basketball, softball games as well as community service events and emergency scenes. His love of photography brought him to a grange event and once there became a member of Jonesboro Grange. For these reasons Phil has been awarded Firefighter/EMT of the Year for the Maine State Grange. I am happy to present this token of our gratitude along with a \$100 check to a charity of his choice in Phil's name.

My 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation for the evening is: Educator of the Year. Morgan Swan was nominated by Jonesboro Grange. Morgan is a kindergarten teacher in East Machias who has created a sanctuary for each student that enters her classroom. Morgan teaches young minds to be courteous & respectful, be good classroom & community citizens, each year she raises chickens in her classroom for the kids to see how a chicken hatches from an egg, hopefully inspiring the next generation of farmers in America. Morgan also volunteers for many events from Crush cancer 5k, relay for life, wreaths across America and much more. For these reasons Morgan has been awarded Educator of the Year for the Maine State Grange. I am happy to present this token of our gratitude along with a \$100 check to a charity of her choice in Morgan's name.

Family, Health, and Hearing is lot of times combined with Community Service and Lecturer's Programs and it has brought more attention to this program, and I am very excited with the entries this year. One grange demonstrated and documented all of the things they did this year and at this time I would like to ask that a representative from Highland Lake Grange come to the podium. Highland Lake Grange will receive a check in the amount of \$50.00 for their accomplishments in Family, Health & Hearing.

Would representatives from the following granges come to the podium Enterprise Grange, Highland Lake Grange, Valley Grange and Jonesboro Grange. Community Service Books were very difficult to judge this year, there were only 4 points separating the top 6 Grange books. I truly am sorry for the six judges that had to judge this year. So, in 4<sup>th</sup> place Valley Grange #144 will be receiving a check in the amount of \$50.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Enterprise Grange #48 receiving a check in the amount of \$150.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jonesboro Grange #357 receiving a check in the amount of \$200.00, and 1<sup>st</sup> place this year receiving a check in the amount of \$250.00 and a chance for their book to move onto National Grange judging Highland Highland Lake Grange #87. Let's give a big round of applause to all of the entries.

I would like to ask that all Granges send in a book or sheet for consideration next year. It does not matter how many Community Services you do it just matters on the presentation of the book. It gives your Grange a chance to bring in more funds to help support community service.

The last presentation of the evening for Community Service will be Granger of the Year. After reading the nominations that were submitted for this award, there was one individual that stuck out in my brain over and over again. This award is not only about being a Grange r but demonstrating the attitude of the "grange way" as well as giving back to the community above and beyond the "norm". This individual is a lifelong resident of their community and has donated much of their time to volunteering and making the community better. This individual has demonstrated the concept of perseverance. This individual managed to take a grange that was on the brink of closing their doors and bring it back to life , implementing more members, more community service, and more attention to the Grange. This individual was battling cancer al while making these things happen. It is my pleasure to ask John Cox Jr., Master of Jonesboro Grange to please come forward. I am happy to present this token of appreciation along with a check in the amount of \$100.00 to a charity of his choice in recognition of all of John's accomplishments and the demonstration of his "grange way" attitude.

Thank you all for making this job as Director of Community Service such an easy task.

## Membership Recognition

Richard Grotton, Membership Director, presented certificates to Granges reporting net gains for Membership Year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Androscoggin #8 +10	Arbutus #450 +8
Branch Mills #336 +8	East Madison #228 +1
East Sangerville #177 +2	Enterprise #48 +6
Evening Star #183 +5	Hollis #132 +1
Huntoon Hill #398 +8	Jonesboro #357 +22 includes 8 from merge
Lakeside #63 +2	Mill Stream #574 +6
North Jay #10 +13 includes 6 from merge	North Scarboro #495 +1
Norway #45 +6	Ocean View #463 +1
Pleasant River #492 +5	Saco #53 +2
Valley #144 +1	Vassalboro #322 +1
Victor #49 +3	Waterford #479 +5
Wayside #590 +1	Winthrop #209 +3

## Educational Aid and Howes Nurses Scholarship

As no applications were received this year there were no recipients.

## Tree Farmer of the Year/Enterprise Award

As no applications were received for either the Enterprise Award and the Tree Farmer of the Year Award no awards presented.

## CWA

Margaret Henderson, Director of the CWA, presented a check to Home for Little Wanderers for \$495.00 and House in the Woods. Richard Harriman accepted the check of \$570 and pennies that were brought in.

Prizes from the Big E: Class D 3 Piece Baby Set Ann Burns 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$10.00  
Class E Plastic Canvas Ellie Collins 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$15.00  
Class G Adult Garment Ellie Collins 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$15.00

Richard Harriman presented a small gift to all veteran's present to show appreciation for their service to the United States of American. Those veterans present were: Bill USMC; Dale Holst USNAVY; Peter Ivers USNAVY; Yvonne Johnson USARMY; Phil Parsons; Robert Nelson USAF; Paul Woodman USARMY; Helen Brooks Woman's Corp WAC; Carol G. USARMY; Mr. Morrison USARMY; Lenny Hanson; Maynard Chapman USMC and Bruce Remillard.

Closed for the evening and will reopen at 9:00 A.M. Friday morning.

### **Friday October 21**

**9:00 A. M.** Opening in the Fourth Degree  
Roll Call of Officers

Reading and Adopting the Minutes of Thursday's Session  
Acceptance of the Master's Address  
Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report  
Acceptance of Secretary's Report  
Report of the Credential Committee (Partial)

The second day of the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Maine State Grange was called to order for the presentation of the Officers of the Maine State Grange and was opened in full form in the Fourth Degree by Worthy Master/President Sherry A. Harriman.

Presentation of National Representative, Ann Bercher, Lecturer/Program Director of the National Grange and President of the Minnesota State Grange.

Roll Call found the following Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and Committee members absent: Assistant Steward Richard Grotton; Executive Committee Members James Meserve and Nathan Pennell; CWA Committee Members: Arline Flood and Deborah Lancaster; Legislative Director Linda Weston; Community Service and Family Health & Hearing Director Christine Corliss; Good of the Order Committee Chair Robert Smith; Historian Stanley Howe; Communications Director and Web Master Walter Boomsma; Trustees of Educational Aid Fund & Howes Nurses Scholarship Gerald Libby and J. Patrick Elwell.

## Reading and Adopting the Minutes of Thursday's Session

The Secretary read the minutes of Thursday's Session and they were accepted with corrections.

### Acceptance of Master's Address

The following report was given by Brenda Dyer, Chair of the Committee:

To Worthy National Lecturer Sister Anne Bercher, Sister Sherry Harriman, Master of the Maine State Grange, State Officers, Deputies, Delegates and members of the Maine State Grange.

The committee agrees with Sister Sherry that every Granger be appreciated and commented for their hard work and dedication to keep Granges growing at all levels (Junior, Subordinate, Pomona, State and National).

The report broken down by subject matter makes the address easier to understand. Thank you!

The committee has two suggestions:

1. A committee of at least five (5) members with building expertise be appointed to determine the future of Grange headquarters at 146 State Street, Augusta, Maine.

2. Whereas Granger ritual MUST be followed. A workshop be held at each Pomona to educate members on ritualistic and unwritten work.

Communication is a big factor in moving forward. Granges involved in Agriculture in the Classroom, exhibits at fairs, community service women's activities, scholarship applicants and support fundraising, Junior Grange, legislative, publicity, increasing membership and keeping informed on what's happening are the future of Grange.

In summary, communication, volunteers, creative ideas, time prevention, change and cultivate a positive attitude are attributes which will deliver positive results and growth.

Commendation is given to Sister Sherry for her ability to work with everyone. Her appreciation to all who worked with her to keep her steady and her dedication to her responsibilities benefit the Grange.

The committee recommends acceptance of the Master's Address with the two (2) suggestions taken under consideration. Keep up the great work and leadership!

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Dyer; Dale Holst & Yvonne Johnson

### Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer awaited questions regarding her report. It was noted that on page one of her report that Cathance, land and building should read Cathance building. A motion was made and seconded to accept her report with this correction. By vote so ordered.

### Acceptance of the Secretary's Report

The Secretary awaited questions regarding her report. It was noted that June 2020 should read June 2022. Report was accepted with that correction noted and ordered Printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

### Report of Credentials Committee

Mavis Lane, Chair of the Credentials Committee gave the following report:  
Subordinate Granges with 37 represented with voting delegates of 62  
Pomona Granges with 12 represented with voting delegates of 23  
Total voting delegates of 85

### **9:30 A.M.**

Acceptance of 2022 – 2023

Election and Installation of Officers

Discussion, questions and comments will be held during the morning. (No resolutions were submitted)

Acceptance of Written Reports of Officers and Committees

## Acceptance of the 2022 – 2023 Budget

The Master entertained motion to accept the 2022 – 2023 Budget. Motion was made and seconded discussion was held and without any changes to be made to the Budget as written by vote accepted by the delegate body and ordered printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

## Election and Installation of Officers

The Worthy Master appointed the following tellers: Ellie Collins and Ed Worthley and the Overseer appointed Terry Lacombe Stevens. The Worthy Master entertained names for the Office of the Executive Committee of the Maine State Grange for the Constitutional Term of 3 years. The names presented were Nathan Pennell and Tom Gaddis. Voting found that 71 ballots were cast making 36 the number required for election. The count found 46 Nathan Pennell; Tom Gaddis 22 and Mary Pentol 3. By the delegate body Nathan Pennell was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Maine State Grange. The Worthy Master excused the tellers.

The Installation will take place at a later date as Nathan was not at State Session.

### **10:30 A. M. Break**

### **10:45 A. M.**

Speaker National Representative Ann Bercher, Lecturer  
President of the Minnesota State Grange

Ann Bercher, National Grange Lecturer was presented to the Master's station as our morning speaker. Sister Bercher brought greetings from the National Grange President, Betsy Huber, and updated us on what is happening at the National level. Sister Ann was happy to be here in Maine and will be traveling around the State before she heads home.

Sister Ann has been a Grange member for 22 years. She is a member of Sunbeam Grange #2 in Elk River, Minnesota where she holds the office of Lecturer/Program Director. She is currently the State Grange of Minnesota President, having served since 2019. She has also held the offices of State Grange of Minnesota Lecturer

and Pomona. Ann served as a Communications Fellow at National Grange Conventions in 2018 and 2019. She is currently in her first year as National Grange Lecturer/Program Director.

Ann attended Iowa State University and received a B.A. in Landscape Architecture. She worked for 25 years at the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm in Elk River, Minnesota as a garden and farm interpreter, Assistant Site Manager and Program Manager. She also attended Le Cordon Bleu and is a classically trained chef. Ann is currently employed at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum as the Education Culinary specialist.

Outside of Grange and employment, Ann is a member of Plymouth Church in Minneapolis, an avid gardener, inquisitive chef, and in spare time designs and sews quilt tops, and occasionally plays her piano. She has three children (Chris, Ben and Mikaela) and 6 grandchildren (Finn, Theodore, Maverick, Josephina, Silas, and Leona.)

**12:00 P. M.**  
**Ag Luncheon**

**1:30 P. M.** Session called back to Order  
Resolutions by Committee Reports/Discussion Continues  
Report of the Credential Committee (Final)  
Close in the Fourth Degree

Final Report of the Credential Committee

To the Worthy State Master, National Lecturer Ann Bercher, Brothers and Sisters of the Maine State Grange.

We wish to report that there were 12 Pomona's represented with 23 delegates.  
37 Subordinate Granges represented with 62 voting delegates.

Eight candidates for the Sixth Degree with \$80.00 being collected and turned over to the State Secretary.



We wish to thank Sister Sharon for all her help.  
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Mavis Lane & Elizabeth

The afternoon session of the 149<sup>th</sup> annual Session was closed in full form in the Fourth Degree.

**2:30 P. M.**

Open in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree

The 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Maine State Grange was opened in full form in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree for the Conferral of the Sixth Degree.

Officers' pro-tem for the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree were: Master: James Owens, Past Master of the Maine State Grange; Assistant Steward: Sherry Harriman, Master of the Maine State Grange and Lecturer: Melissa Baldwin, Deputy, York Pomona.

The Degree of Flora was conferred on: James Edgerly, East Madison 228; Joseph R. Fallo, Saco 53; Sherwood D. Hilt, Pioneer 219; Rebekah Hodgson, Jonesboro 357; Cindylou Ann Ouellette, Waterford 479; Donna Stackpole, Saco 53; Dawn Lynn Tarbox, Saco 53 and Paul Woodman, Perry 324.

Remarks were made by Ann Bercher, National Grange Lecturer

Remarks were made by Debra Ivers, Flora of the Maine State Grange, welcoming our newest members and thanking all those who helped in anyway these past two days.

As the work of this day was complete the Worthy Master closed the final day of the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Maine State Grange in the Fourth Degree.

**DELEGATES**  
**149<sup>TH</sup> Annual Session**  
**of the Maine State Grange**  
**October 20 & 21, 2022**

Alder River 145

Ruby Bryant

Alexander 304

Dale Holst

Bangor 372

Phil Parsons

Emily Parsons

Bauneg Beg 382

Richard Harriman

Sherry Harriman

Bingham 237

James Owens

Terry Spencer

Chelsea 215

Richard Grotton

Community 593

Robert Smith

Dirigo 98

Margaret Henderson

East Madison 228

James Edgerly

Enterprise 48

Ben Edgerly

Marilyn Stinson

Evening Star 183

Linda Luce

Glenice Skelton

Delegates continued:

Excelsior 5

Steve Verrill

Sue Verrill

Farmington 12

Vincent Nelson

Bonnie Clark

Highland Lake 82

Clay Collins

Kathy Gowen

Hollis 132

Vicki Huff

Melissa Baldwin

Hudson 457

Darlene Miles

Terry Lacombe Stevens

Huntoon Hill 398

Henry Morton

Sharon Morton

Jonesboro 357

Rebekah Hodgson

John F. Hill 393

Margaret Morse

Cassandra Corliss

Knox Station 579

Agnes Nelson

Robert Nelson

Manchester 172

Linda Cobb

Carolyn Van Horn

Maple Grove 148

Susan Farrington

Mill Stream 574

Judy Dunn

Jill Sampson

Delegates continued:

North Scarborough 495

Adrian Griffin

Bruce Remillard

Norway 45

Peter Hammond

Linda Allen

Oak Hill 104

Darrell Huff

Elizabeth Huff

Perry 34

Paul Woodman

Pioneer 219

Sherwood Hilt

Porter 589

John Lowry

Saco 53

Brenda Dyer

Donna Stackpole

St. George 421

Holly Welch

Bert Welch

Valley 144

Walter Boomsma

Janice Boomsma

Waterford 479

Ellie Waterman

Mary J. Dibenedetto

Willow 366

Ed Worthley

Laurie McBurnie

Winthrop 209

Kathryn Ward

Arthur Wells

**POMONA DELEGATES  
149<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION  
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Androscoggin 1

Steven Haycock  
Norma Meserve

Cumberland 15

Yvonne Johnson  
Debra Ivers

Excelsior 5

Robert Smith  
Judy Dunn

Lincoln 19

Laurie McBurnie

Oxford 2

Linda Allen  
Ellie Waterman

Piscataquis 11

Walter Boomsma  
Janice Boomsma

Sagadahoc 9

Ben Edgerly  
Marilyn Stinson

Somerset 6

James Owens  
Barry Tracy

Waldo 12

Agnes Nelson  
Robert Nelson

Washington 16

Dale Holst  
Sam Gaddis

York 14

Melissa Baldwin  
Margaret Morse





THE MAINE STATE GRANGE  
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OFFICER REPORTS  
&  
COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Please read the enclosed reports.

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.

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**149<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OCTOBER 20 & 21, 2022  
AUBURN MASONIC HALL  
1021 TURNER RD., AUBURN**

**Thursday, October 20**

- 8:00 A.M.** Set up for the Session
- 10:00 A.M.** Registration Opens
- 1:00 P.M.** Opening in the Sixth Degree  
Lowering to the Fourth Degree  
Roll Call of Officers  
Introduction Ann Bercher, Lecturer  
National Grange  
Report of Credentials Committee (Partial)  
Introduction of Deputies  
Distribution of the Order of Business  
Acceptance of the Order of Business  
Report of Auditor / Treasurer  
Report of Secretary  
Presentation of the 2022-2023 Budget
- 2:00 P.M.** State Master's Annual Address
- 2:30 P.M.** Break
- 2:45 P.M.** Memorial Service by State Chaplain  
Clayton Collins
- 3:30 P.M.** Resolutions - by Committee Reports  
**Workshop and / or discussion**
- 5:00 P.M.** Close in the Fourth Degree
- 6:00 P.M.** *Banquet "Look For The Stars"*  
Pine Cone Eastern Star Chapter #26  
1021 Turner Rd., Auburn (*downstairs*)  
Tickets \$14.00 to be Purchased in Advance  
Junior Program / Presentation,  
Recognition of Former Officers of MSG,  
Awards & Presentations: Community Service,  
Family Health & Hearing, Outstanding Granger,  
Membership, Educational Aid and Howes  
Nurses Scholarships, Home for Little  
Wanderers with donated gifts and  
House in the Woods plus pennies.

**Friday, October 21**

- 9:00 A.M.** Opening in the Fourth Degree  
Roll Call of Officers  
Reading and Adopting the Minutes of  
Thursday's Session  
Acceptance of Master's Address  
Acceptance of Treasurer's Report  
Acceptance of Secretary's Report  
Report of Credentials Committee (Partial)
- 9:30 A.M.**  
Acceptance of 2022-2023 Budget  
Election and Installation of Officers  
*NO Resolutions were submitted*  
**Discussion, comments & questions**  
*Acceptance of Written Reports of Officers  
and Committees*
- 10:30 A.M.** Break
- 10:45 A.M.** Session Called Back to Order  
Speaker National Representative  
Ann Bercher, Lecturer National Grange
- 12:00 Ag Luncheon (*downstairs*)**  
Tickets \$8.00 to be Purchased in Advance  
Speaker Dept. Ag, Tree Farmer of the Year &  
Farm Family Enterprise Awards
- 1:30 P.M.**  
Resolutions by Committee Reports  
Report of Credentials Committee (Final)
- 2:30 P.M. Open in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Conferral of the Sixth Degree**
- Close in the Fourth Degree**
- Closing 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Tear Down we could use help

**Schedule may be adjusted as needed!**  
**Thank you for coming**

We would appreciate comments / suggestions  
about the schedule





# THE MAINE STATE GRANGE

## 149<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

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|                        |                  |                   |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Master/President       | Sherry Harriman  | Bauneg Beg        |
| Overseer/Vice Pres.    | Adrian Griffin   | North Scarboro    |
| Lecturer               | Margaret Morse   | John F. Hill      |
| Steward                | Steven Haycock   | Danville Junction |
| Assistant Steward      | Richard Grotton  | Chelsea           |
| Lady Assistant Steward | Roberta Meserve  | Danville Junction |
| Chaplain               | Clay Collins     | Highland Lake     |
| Treasurer              | Victoria Huff    | Hollis            |
| Secretary              | Sharon Morton    | Willow            |
| Gatekeeper             | Benjamin Edgerly | Enterprise        |
| Ceres                  | Kathleen Gowen   | Highland Lake     |
| Pomona                 | Laurie McBurnie  | Willow            |
| Flora                  | Debra Ivers      | Highland Lake     |
| Executive Committee    |                  |                   |
|                        | Nathan Pennell   | Jonesboro         |
|                        | James Meserve    | Chelsea           |
|                        | Darrell Huff     | Oak Hill          |
|                        | Jim Owens        | Bingham           |
| Musician               | Linda Cobb       | Manchester        |
| Soloist                | Carolyn Van Horn | Manchester        |



**SUBORDINATE DEPUTIES**

|                           |              |                 |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Androscoggin              | Chief Deputy | Maynard Chapman |
| Cumberland                |              | David Gowen     |
| Cumberland / Oxford Union |              | Glenn Haines    |
| Excelsior                 |              | Robert Smith    |
| Hancock                   |              | Tom Cooper      |
| Lincoln                   |              | Holly Welch     |
| Oxford                    |              | Steven Haycock  |
| Penobscot                 |              |                 |
| Piscataquis               |              | William Bemis   |
| Sagadahoc                 |              | Benjamin Ederly |
| Somerset                  |              | Harriet Spencer |
| Waldo                     |              | Lois Zezima     |
| Washington                |              | Dale Holst      |
| York                      |              | Melissa Baldwin |

**SPECIAL DEPUTIES / PAST MASTERS**

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Phillip Herbert | Old Town-Riverside |
| Steven Verrill  | Excelsior          |
| James Owens     | Bingham            |
| Victoria Huff   | Hollis             |
| Richard Grotton | Chelsea            |

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, SIXTH DEGREE**

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| Mavis Lane | Chesterville |
| Betty Huff | Oak Hill     |

**AGRICULTURE**

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Willie Grenier, Chair   | Fairview              |
| Karen Hatch-Gagne       | Danville Junction     |
| Henry & Sharon Morton   | Huntoon Hill & Willow |
| Robert & Agnes Nelson   | Knox Station          |
| Eleanor Pooler          | Bingham               |
| Terry & Harriet Spencer | Bingham               |

**COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES**

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Margaret Henderson, Dir | Dirigo               |
| Arline Flood            | Alexander            |
| Debra Ivers             | Highland Lake        |
| Deborah Lancaster       | Old Town - Riverside |
| Cynthia Maxwell         | Excelsior            |
| Laurie McBurnie         | Willow               |

**COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR & WEB MASTER**

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Walter Boomsma | Valley |
|----------------|--------|

**COMMUNITY SERVICE & FAMILY, HEALTH AND HEARING**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Christine Corliss, Chair | Hollis     |
| Linda Cobb               | Manchester |
| Cassandra Corliss        | Hollis     |
| Ben Ederly               | Enterprise |
| Victoria Huff            | Hollis     |
| Laurie McBurnie          | Willow     |
| Anne Staples             | Bangor     |
| Carolyn Van Horn         | Manchester |
| Holly Welch              | St. George |

**FUND RAISING**

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

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

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| Bob Smith, Chair      | Farmington        |
| Clayton Collins       | Highland Lake     |
| Adrian Griffin        | North Scarborough |
| James Meserve         | Chelsea           |
| Roberta Meserve       | Danville Junction |
| Robert & Agnes Nelson | Knox Station      |
| James Owens           | Bingham           |

**HISTORY COMMITTEE**

|                         |             |
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| Stanley Howe, Historian | Alder River |
| Gerald & Patricia Libby | Farmington  |
| Barry Tracy             | Mt. Phillip |

**JUNIOR**

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| Marilyn Stinson, Co-Dir       | Enterprise    |
| Terry Lacombe-Stevens, Co-Dir | Tranquility   |
| Helen Brooks                  | Perry         |
| Carolyn Young-Coffin          | Danville Jct  |
| Kathy Gowen                   | Highland Lake |
| Christine Hebert              | Norway        |
| CJ Roy                        | Enterprise    |
| Terry & Tim Wilson            | Bangor        |

**LECTURER'S COMMITTEE**

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| Melissa Baldwin | Hollis            |
| Ruby Bryant     | Alder River       |
| Allison Colson  | Benton            |
| Leslie Guy      | John F. Hill      |
| Norma Meserve   | Danville Junction |
| Darlene Miles   | Hudson            |
| Nathan Pennell  | Jonesboro         |

**LEGISLATIVE**

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| Linda Weston, Dir  | Chelsea           |
| James & Mary Annis | Valley            |
| Mike Griffin       | N. Scarborough    |
| Steven Haycock     | Danville Junction |
| Stanley Howe       | Alder River       |
| Darrell Huff       | Oak Hill          |
| James Owens        | Bingham           |
| David Parkman      | Branch Mills      |
| Nate Pennell       | Jonesboro         |

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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| Rick Grotton       | Chelsea           |
| Ruby Bryant        | Alder River       |
| Ben Ederly         | Enterprise        |
| Adrian Griffin     | North Scarborough |
| Rolf Staples, Sr   | Bangor            |
| Tim & Terry Wilson | Bangor            |

**MEMORIAL FUND**

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| Clay & Ellie Collins | Highland Lake |
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**TRUSTEES OF EDUCATIONAL AID FUND**

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| <b>&amp; HOWES NURSES SCHOLARSHIP</b> |               |
| Gerald Libby, Pres                    | Farmington    |
| Carolyn Van Horn, Vice Pres           | Manchester    |
| J. Patrick Elwell, Sec/Treas          | Fairview      |
| Kathy Gowen                           | Highland Lake |
| Darlene Miles                         | Hudson        |
| Sherry Harriman, Ex Officio           | Bauneg Beg    |
| Margaret Morse, Ex Officio            | John F. Hill  |

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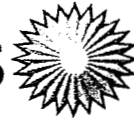
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Please read the enclosed reports.  
We will be voting on the reports on Friday.





# STATE OFFICERS REPORTS



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## STATE TREASURER



To Ann Bercher, National Rep, State Master- Sherry Harriman, Delegates and Members of the Maine State Grange,

See separate report.

Fraternally,

Victoria S. Huff  
Treasurer  
Maine State Grange

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TABBUTT'S BOOKKEEPING SERVICE  
PO BOX 56  
SMITHFIELD ME 04978  
September 29, 2022

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

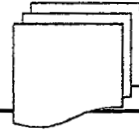
I have completed a preliminary examination of the books and records of the Maine State Grange for the period October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. I will examine the September, 2022 records as soon as they are available. In my opinion the treasurer's statements fairly reflect the financial activity of the Grange for the past year and financial status of the Grange as of August 31, 2022. I will submit my financial report as soon as it is completed.

The Grange is responsible for filing a FORM 990 tax return and that will be completed in the near future.

Fraternally Submitted,  
*J. Patrick Elwell*  
J. Patrick Elwell

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**STATE SECRETARY**



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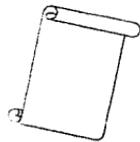
To: Ann Bercher, National Rep, the Maine State Grange, Officers of the Maine State Grange and Members of the Maine State Grange.

See separate report.

Fraternally submitted,

Sharon V. Morton, Secretary  
Maine State Grange

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**STATE LECTURER**

To the Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

I submit my sixth annual report on the activities of the lecturer's department for 2021 - 2022. Without the assistance of the members of the lecturer's committee and the participation of the members of the Maine State Grange this department would not be as effective as it has been.

The theme for 2021 – 2022 was announced. The theme was "**Reach for the Stars**. This theme was continued from the previous year due to the cancellation of the 2020 Annual State Conference.

The joint Northeast Leadership Conference and Northeast Lecturer's conference was scheduled to be held in Maine in March of 2022. At the beginning of 2022 Covid cases were on the rise so it was decided to cancel this conference. At this time there is no information on when the next conference will be held.

**Lecturer's Conference is scheduled for October 1.** Packets which will include the Lecturer's Program, Poetry entries and members certificates as well as other material will be available at the conference. If not picked up then they will be available to be picked up at the Lecturer's table during the State Session in Auburn.

**Creative Writing Contests:** I am sorry to say that participation in the creative writing contests, which includes 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. More emphasis needs to be given to encourage members to participate in this contest.

**Subordinate & Pomona Lecturer's Reports:** I received only 5 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. The list of top readers can be found at the end of this report.

**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. Each photo category will be judged and a first, second and third place will be awarded. A Best in Show ribbon will also be awarded. This year a People's Choice award will be added. Any member attending the session may vote for their favorite photo, the votes will be tallied and a People's Choice ribbon will be awarded. There will again be an adult coloring contest this year.

**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

**Poetry First place winners**

- Stars/Universe – Sherry Harriman
- Humorous – Sherry Harriman
- Patriotic – Sherry Harriman
- Other – Barbara Strout

**Book Club Awards (Number of Books)**

- First – Margaret Henderson
- Second – Janet Nolan
- Third – Melissa Baldwin

**Book Club Awards ( Number of Pages)**

- First – Janet Nolan
- Second – Margaret Henderson
- Third – Gay Anderson

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## STATE CHAPLAIN

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### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT (2021-2022)

Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

The Grange year 2021-2022 looked more promising than the previous one. Granges throughout the country and ones here in the state of Maine slowly opened up with members cautiously returning to their respective meetings, and starting to work promoting the order again! God is good and loving.

The Covid-19 pandemic caused a lot of grief and anxiety to many of our members. Through the love of God and His overall guidance, we got through it somewhat unscathed. Many didn't, but those who did witnessed the Holy Spirit first hand! (II Corinthians 1:3 states, "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.").

As the Pomona Granges have started meeting on a regular basis again, I have visited two this year. On June 7, 2022, I had the privilege and honor to meet with Washington Pomona at Alexander Grange. We had a very productive meeting. I hope that my being there provided some comfort to the members that the State Grange knows that Washington Pomona exists and we are here for them in the long run. On June 28, 2022, I, also, had the privilege and honor to meet with Somerset Pomona at East Madison Grange. This, too, was a very productive meeting. I would like to thank both Pomonas and the members for a very delightful time that I will not forget. I hope to get back to visit with all of you again real soon.

The past year was not without sadness in our ranks. Early on, we lost Brother William Hatch, former Deputy Master of Androscoggin Pomona, Brother Clements, former Deputy Master of Hancock Pomona, Brother Reginald Clements, Deputy Master of Penobscot Pomona, Sister Betty Chatfield, former Deputy Master of Green Mountain Pomona, Brother Richard Burke, former Deputy Master of York Pomona, and Brother Roger Shorty, former Deputy Master of Somerset Pomona.

For State officers, I am sad to report that Sister Dorothy "Dot" Shores, former Flora of the Maine State Grange, and Lady Assistant Steward of the National Grange; Sister Dorothy "Dot" Brown, former lecturer, and Treasurer of the Maine State Grange; and Brother Wayne Sherman, Former Chaplain of the Maine State Grange left this mortal life to enter into the Heavenly kingdom of the Father.

All of these people, Deputies, Officers, members, relatives, good friends, will be missed very much. We will miss their leadership and kindness. May God bless them and keep them in His house forever.

The past year (2021-2022), I have submitted a column [The Deacon’s Bench] each month to the website which I hope fellow grangers enjoyed. I hope this past year has been kind to you and you continue to grow your Grange and, especially your faith in God the Father. Until we meet in person may God bless and keep you forever, and “May the luck of the Irish lead to happiest heights, and the highway you travel be lined with green lights”.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clay Collins, Chaplain Maine State Grange

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# 2022 STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS



**AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE**



Willie Grenier, Director

## Maine State Grange Agriculture Committee Report 2021-22

The Agricultural Committee has met 4 times since October 2021 by zoom or in-person. We currently have 9 members and welcome new members for the coming year!

In fall 2021 the Maine Agriculture in the Classroom (MAITC) Annual Meeting was held virtually, so the committee did not host or prepare a meal. Likewise we did not help to host an AG Day at the Legislature meal in spring 2022. MAITC did present the committee with a scholarship donation of \$500. The Agriculture Trade Show was also held virtually in January 2022. Some of the committee members attended presentations and MAITC hosted a presentation on Zoom.

The scholarship fund has received donations of about \$1200 from The Grange Store at Fryeburg Fair, Maine Agriculture in the Classroom, and the raffle at the State Conference. Gladys Chapman won the raffle basket and Christine Hebert won the second prize of fall bulbs for her garden. Congratulations to them both! Many thanks to everyone that bought tickets (\$165 raised!) and donated funds (\$32 raised!) to support the Agricultural scholarship program. About \$4,500 has been or will be paid out for 2021 and 2022 scholarships, and the available balance is less than in the past. We hope to continue the scholarship program and need donations and fundraisers to do so!

In May the Committee met at headquarters with 7 members present. It was wonderful to see each other in-person. There were 8 applications submitted for scholarships. After careful consideration (2 were found not eligible) the group agreed that 3 applicants stood out from the rest. This year scholarships were awarded to:

- Chantal Cyr from Edward Little High School in Auburn, going into Sustainable Agriculture,
- Amelia Mooney from Lisbon High School, going into Ecology and Environmental Science and,
- Alyssa Parker from Winthrop High School, going into Ecological Forestry.

The group met on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 2022 state conference on October 20 & 21 at the Auburn Masonic Hall which is behind the Auburn Mall. There will be another raffle basket and Agnes and Bob Nelson will be in charge of the table there. The Agricultural Luncheon will be on Friday and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has been asked to speak. There were no 2022 applicants for the Agriculture Enterprise Award. Since the Committee Director will not accept the stipend, and no travel by the group has used the funds, the group decided to use it to give a \$100 cash prize to the 2023 Ag Enterprise winner and also a \$100 cash prize to the Grange that helps nominate them. **SEE a new 2023 application in the packet!**

2022 Fair Exhibit results are being received by the State master. Some fair dates changed and judges were shuffled. Many thanks to all! More information will be available by state convention. Ribbons were mailed to all fairs with Grange Exhibits as requested. Fryeburg Grange Ag Store is moving forward. Sharon and Henry Morton from the committee are busy getting ready for the week of October 2 – 9. Let Sharon know if you would like to volunteer.

The MAITC Annual Meeting will be held at State Headquarters on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00. The committee is busy planning a ham dinner. We are hoping that this year our event will not be interrupted by the pandemic!

Many thanks to committee member, Karen Hatch-Gagne for helping with the scholarship program this year! 48 High Schools received the application directly by email. Ongoing thanks to Sharon Morton who mails applications for both scholarships and the Ag Enterprise Award to all Granges in January! We surely appreciate you both! And ALL the wonderful committee members!

Be well everyone! Stay warm as the air gets a bit cooler and fall is settling in!



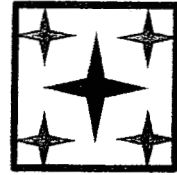
- 2022 Agriculture Director

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## COMMITTEE OF WOMENS ACTIVITIES

Margaret Henderson, Director



2022 Annual Report

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

Our annual Needlework Contest and Conference was held in August. I was pleased to see entries from some members who have not entered before. Please keep participating.

Here is a list of the winners:

Best of Show went to Jackie Morgan -- Hand Tied Quilt

Baking: Apple Cake 9 entries (the judges enjoyed all of them!)

1<sup>st</sup> Jackie Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Parsons, 3<sup>rd</sup> Norma Meserve

Baking: Juniors 1 entry. 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Coffin, from Danville Junction

Dress-A-Doll: 2 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Jackie Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Siegars

### **NEEDLEWORK:**

Class A: Afghan 1 entry 1<sup>st</sup> Ellie Collins

Class B: Doilies 2 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Nancy Gowen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Burns

Class C: Embroidery 3 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Jackie Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lila Wilkins, 3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Griffin

Class D: 3 Piece Baby Set 1 entry 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Burns

Class E: Plastic Canvas 2 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Ellie Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Wilson

Class F: Counted Cross Stitch No entries

Class G: Adult Garments 1 entry 1<sup>st</sup> Ellie Collins

Class H: Latch Hook 2 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Lila Wilkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Burns

Class I: Quilted Wall Hanging 2 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Gowen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Patricia Libby

Class J: Stuffed Toy 2 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Siegars, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Morgan

Class K: Baby Afghan 3 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Siegars, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pauline Spencer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Burns

Class L: Children's Garments 2 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Laurie McBurnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Burns

Class M: Table Runners 4 entries

1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Gowen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Burns, 4<sup>th</sup> Louann Cunningham

Class N: Miscellaneous Items 6 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Burns, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lila Wilkins

Class O Decorated Item (Picture Frame) 3 entries

1<sup>st</sup> Norma Meserve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Seigars, 3<sup>rd</sup> Darlene Miles

Class P: Wooden Item (Step Stool) 2 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Gowen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phillip Parsons

Class Q: Tote Bags 3 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Burns, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel Nelson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judy Meserve

### **QUILTS**

Class A: Hand Quilted 1 entry 1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Carr

Class B: Machine Quilted 2 entries 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lila Wilkins

Class C: Hand Tied 1 entry 1<sup>st</sup> Jackie Morgan

Class D: Pieced by Entrant / Quilted by Someone Else 1 entry 1<sup>st</sup> Karen McCarrick

Class E: Baby Quilt 1 entry 1<sup>st</sup> Ellie Collins

The winning entries in Classes A – K were sent on to Eastern States for judging in the New England Region. Good Luck to those entries.

Thank-you to everyone who submitted entries in these contests. Your entries are what keep these contests active. I look forward to seeing all the excellent workmanship every year. You are all winners in my thoughts. The judges wanted to extend their congratulations to everyone and commend the wonderful hard work.

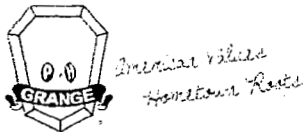
I wish to express my sincere gratitude to those folks who worked so diligently to make a tremendous amount of items to be taken to the Big-E for the sales table to support the New England Grange Building, thank you. And Thanks Mike for taking them down.

Thank you to the Granges who made donations for prize money for these contests, we paid out \$350.00 in prizes. Also thank you for the generous donations of \$470.00 to House in the Woods and \$460.00 to Home for Little Wanderers. The checks will be presented to each group at State Grange, plus we will add the pennies on also to House in the Woods. We did have a table at the State Yard Sale to help with funds, thank you all who came, contributed, helped and/or bought items. A huge and special "Thank You" to Sister Sherry for typing and printing our next years program booklet. It is very much appreciated.

And last, but certainly not least, THANK YOU, to all of my committee members for all your help.

Fraternally,  
Margaret Henderson, CWA Director

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Reply to:  
Walter Boomsma, Communications Director  
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Abbot ME 04406

Maine State Grange

146 State Street  
Augusta Maine 04330

2021-22 Annual Report of the Maine State Grange Communications Director

Brothers and Sisters,

It is my distinct honor to report 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 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 twelfth 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 views have decreased by 5.0% over the previous year. There have been 20,456 site views from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022—an average of nearly 1,700 per month. However, these visits do not include subscribers who are receiving the posts without necessarily visiting the site.

Much of this decrease can be attributed to the downtime we suffered in June when the site was hacked by an unknown party in Turkey. Site views in June were down an estimated 50%, or 750 views. Therefore, a reasonable estimate is that we had a 1.6% decrease in site view. This is heartening given the decline in Granges and Grange membership. Again this year, 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 them 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 in our website.

Several significant accomplishments this year include:

- Added additional “Resources for Grangers” consisting of recorded interviews showing how successful Granges are doing so.
- Completed interviews with media representatives and researchers; arranged for a historical presentation at the Waterboro Historical Society.
- Added an additional SiteLock® security feature to prevent “hacking” of the site.
- Established a monthly feature called “Notes from National” summarizing information from National Grange.
- Worked with National Grange to make the Grange Heirloom Program readily available to Granges in Maine.
- Continued to work with an editorial calendar to ensure regular, consistent posting.
- Introduced the “Why I love the Grange” Program, soliciting and posting “testimonials” regarding the benefits of Grange Membership.
- Continued the regular “Communication Shorts” feature to improve internal communication and reinforcement further.

- Continued to make “under the hood” improvements to the site.
- Continued posting of “special events” being sponsored or hosted by Granges. 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.

I would further note that the cyber attack we suffered in June necessitated significant time and expense to repair the damage.

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

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

Looking ahead to 2022-2023, some objectives include:

- Continuing to keep communication positive, helpful, and engaging.
- Investigate the feasibility of sponsoring at least one virtual roundtable discussion.
- Research further connections between the MSG website and social media.
- 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.

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. Technology costs continue to rise as software companies look to change from purchased software to subscription software and new technologies become available. Invoiced costs for the website have remained below the budget of \$1,000. In addition, I have applied the annual director’s stipend of \$400 to the costs required to maintain and improve our communications and website. I understand that director’s stipends are being reduced by 50% this year. Unfortunately, website costs have not gone down. Last year, the total cost (invoiced and director’s stipend) for the website was \$1387, a 5.7% increase. This year’s total cost (invoiced and director’s stipend) is \$1475, a 6.3% increase.

Fiscal Year	Invoiced	Stipend	Total	% Change
2019-2020	\$912	\$400	\$1312	
2020-2021	\$987	\$400	\$1387	+5.7%
2020-2022	\$1275	\$200	\$1475	+6.3%

I would encourage members to visit other state Grange websites and compare the appearance and content. Non-members often visit our site for research purposes, and that includes media representatives. Some National Grange leaders subscribe to our site, and I believe we can be proud of our Internet presence.

Our greatest accomplishment is also our most significant need for the coming year. We must continue increasing participation and information, working to build a positive communication program. 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. Without abandoning our heritage and transition, we impact Maine Communities and beyond.

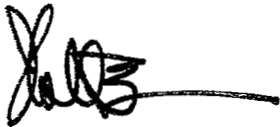
I believe the primary role of any state position or function is to support Subordinate and Pomona Granges and their members. But communication is not a "one-person job." Individuals, Community/Subordinate, and Pomona Granges can best support our communications efforts by providing positive news and information.

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

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you and your Grange.

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**



Christine Corliss, Director

**MAINE STATE GRANGE**

**September 1st, 2022**

**2021-2022**

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 eighth year as the Director of this committee. It has been a different kind of year with all that is happened with the ups and downs of COVID. I wish that travel had been more of an option to visit more Granges and meet more people. I would like to be able to get out more in the upcoming year and promote more Community Service and this committees love of it.

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 was truly worried at the difficulty of the judging 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 86 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 and submit one next year.

Please keep sending them in each year. Let me say the work put into these books is getting so much more extensive. This year's judges were so impressed with the quality of the books that we had to add a sixth judge to our panel for final determination. The top six books were separated by a total of 4 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 301 lbs. of coupons this year. A little more than last year and we are still moving along.

I am happy to report that we did have any entries in the Fire Fighter & EMT and Educator of the Year Contest this year. I was very excited to see this.

Four 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.

- o 2017 – 2018 Winner was Victoria Huff
- o 2018 – 2019 Winner was Ann Burns
- o 2019 – 2020 Winner was Walter Boomsma
- o 2020 - 2021 Winner was Rebekah Hodgson
- o 2021 – 2022 Winner is: \_\_\_\_\_

**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. A great big thank you to all the Granges who got out there this year and did all the projects I saw this year.

Give yourselves a big round of applause for all that you have done and are planning to do in this upcoming year.

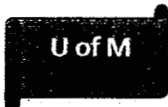
**Maine State Grange – CS/FHH “Making a Difference One Project at a Time!”**

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Corliss, Director

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

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**EDUCATIONAL AID AND  
HOWES NURSES' SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Gerald Libby, President

**Educational Aid and Howes Nurses' Scholarship Funds  
Annual Report September 30, 2022**

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

We received \$377.50 in donations to the Educational Aid Fund and \$322.50 in donations to the Howes Nurse's Scholarship Fund. We also received Interest income of \$545.44 to the Educational Aid Fund and \$60.89 to the Howes Nurse's Fund.

No applications were submitted for scholarships.

The Educational Aid and Howes Nurses Scholarship Committee held our annual meeting on September 30, 2022 and we are working on revisions to the application.

Thank you for your contributions to the funds. Please promote this program in your areas.

Respectfully Submitted

*J. Patrick Elwell*

J. Patrick Elwell, Secretary/Treasurer  
Educational Aid and Howes Nurses Scholarship Committee

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 **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** 

Norma Meserve, Chairman

To the Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,  
Fundraising Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

To the Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange,

The year started under rather unusual circumstances at State Grange. After a slow start everyone rallied around, and things carried on relatively smoothly. We had many visitors to our table and our sales items sold well. As in the past, our raffle was very successful, and I want to thank all those who contributed in any way to that success. In total we made \$692.

After the new year we started brainstorming on potential fundraising items for this year. I had several conversations with Master Sherry and it was decided that we should get some sales items to commemorate the State Grange's upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2024. We designed a shopping bag and some new handheld fans. In addition, Sherry ordered some Travel Mugs and Web Cam Covers. All of these are on hand and will be available at State Grange.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> we again held our annual yard sale at Manchester Grange in Manchester. The weather cooperated and it was a lovely day! This was an indoor/outdoor event this year with a number of local individuals and several organizations renting tables. The local Lions Club sold breakfast and lunch. People said they could smell it down the street. Always a good way to bring in a crowd! We had a great sale and raised \$520. I would like to thank those who contributed items for the sale, including Sharon and Henry Morton, Yvonne Johnson and



Richard and Sherry Harriman. This is certainly an event we'd like to do again next year and hope to have even more renters.

During Fryeburg Fair in 2021 we were fortunate enough to be able to include our cookbooks and the last of our green Agricultural t-shirts in the Grange Store. We sold almost all of the t-shirts (only 4 left) and a lot of cookbooks. From that we cleared \$265. We plan on selling the cookbooks at Fryeburg Fair again in 2022.

It's now time to gear up for this year's State Grange Session. We hope you will come and visit our table. Along with our raffle we will have many items for sale. We still have 2 types of our Grange cookbooks, Main Dishes and Pickles and Preserving for \$5.00 each. We also have variety packs of Grange note cards, also \$5.00 each. Other Grange items include: Fans- \$2, Web Cam covers- \$2, Magnets- \$3, Bags- \$10, Travel Mugs- \$10 and T-Shirts- \$15.

In closing I would like to thank the members of the committee for all of their support.

As always, if you have a fundraising idea that you'd like to share, maybe something you've tried in your Grange, please feel free to mail or email it to me, or come by the table at State Grange. I'll have a container available for you to put your idea into and maybe I can share some of the ideas in my future columns.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Norma Meserve  
Fundraising Committee Chairman

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**JUNIOR COMMITTEE**

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



Annual Junior Report to Maine State Grange Session October 2022

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

We meet mostly by Zoom or at Junior meetings when the kids are busy either playing or working on a project. Our July meeting was at Enterprise and while the kids were on the playground, we met at the picnic table and Beth offered to make the goop for the kids to make a paper clay with shredded paper (not papier mache) so the kids could make some bowls. Since we have been using the State Lecturer's Theme, it will be "Harmony" next year and she suggested 'Harmony for Humanity' bowls that could be used to share something with others. It will be a 2 time process and will start at Enterprise because she lives next door to that hall and will be leading the process. Anyone is welcome to come have free art lessons that day.

**JUNIOR MEETINGS**

We met in Hudson for last fall's "Grow Juniors" meeting and their projects that hadn't been judged because there was no Family Campout in July were judged. Terry found some wonderful people who not only judged, but helped with setting up the crafts, etc. We keep trying to reach out to our Downeast Granges to include their kids and SW families still not have to drive hours

to be there. On the map, the Bangor area seems to be a half-way point, but we've been disappointed that it is still the Auburn area kids who attend with the girls from Lincolnville. Our October meeting was at State Session where they had a pizza-pool party at the hotel where directors were staying. They had a concern when COVID caused an exposure problem and they didn't know whether to go to the banquet or not. The compromise was to have the kids just have some dessert in another room and still present their program.

Since our bylaw discovery, we have been meeting every month either in person or by Zoom. Sometimes, some members haven't been able to attend, but we realize that can happen, we all have lives to live. Terry was on her way to Richmond in July when she had to call and report she had been with her granddaughters and they had been exposed to COVID so she went back home for quarantine. One of the badges requires the kids to plan the lecturer's program and they have been taking turns doing that so that they can get badges.

At one Zoom meeting, we had an Old Testament Teacher explain some of the holiday customs that Jews celebrate which has been a good experience since many of our kids are Christians and it showed how Jesus lived.

We were at Enterprise in Richmond for our 'Spring Challenge' Meeting. Sister Terry had been wanting to let the kids have an experience at Maine State Grange Building for the overnight campout so we went there in June and went to Old Fort Western and did our crafts, etc. at headquarters. The kids voted during their meeting to have the overnight at Enterprise next year and they can have another history lesson with visiting Pownalborough Court House where some of the Revolution was planned, away from Boston.

#### MEMBERSHIP

The 1+ program from National Grange seems to be working from what we can see on face book and Bulletin posts, but the Community Granges aren't sending the Junior Department the information we need and we don't know who has joined.

We need the Junior's name \_\_\_\_\_ and birthdate

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parent(s) or guardian(s) – name, \_\_\_\_\_ address,

\_\_\_\_\_ email, \_\_\_\_\_ phone number

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home Grange \_\_\_\_\_, date of joining

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Marilyn ([beedlehill@twc.com](mailto:beedlehill@twc.com) or 71 Beedle Road, Richmond 04357) will remain on the Jr. Committee and will accept this information and forward it to our new Director. Please let us know so we can put the kids on our rolls and they can be included with information about Junior Activities.

#### ZOOM

When we realized that according to National Junior Bylaws, we are required to meet monthly instead of quarterly, we decided to rely on our Zoom connection because we are separated by so many miles. It is difficult to meet in person every month. We decided to alternate months, and then realized we should meet in person during the summer and by Zoom during the winter driving months. Zoom service has been renewed and Marilyn and Kathy are still the

administrators of it. We couldn't figure out how to change to Terry and Marilyn. If any other department wants to use our service, just let Marilyn know and she will open it for you.

#### COVID

Although COVID was less threatening, it was still a force to be reckoned with causing some changes and last minute cancellations for some people. Those who could attend did and those who couldn't just couldn't and we worked with it. Family Summer Campout didn't occur which made it difficult for judging the crafts. There was a meeting at Enterprise to make the Big E Star crafts and because of exposure, the Crockett girls couldn't be there. But they did the craft at home and mailed their stars to Marilyn who had a couple of Richmond people who didn't know the kids judge the stars and the winners were mailed to Big E for that contest. All the other stars became stars of the Fair Exhibits.

#### ACTIVITIES & SUMMER CAMPOUT

It's been a summer of history events for the Juniors. They've been to Old Fort Western and cut wood for the fires, cooked as the colonists did, learned about the herbs that not only flavor food, but are health and wellness products. They carded wool and learned about feather beds as well as having a picnic and playing on the playground in Augusta. Had craft times and fun times at MSG Headquarters. Then they visited The Knight House which is the oldest house in Androscoggin County and learned more about historical times including kitchen tools and games from Revolutionary Days. The 2 boys ages 12 and 13 played hopscotch and enjoyed each other's' company. Many thanks to Danville Junction for hosting their meeting in August.

#### CONTESTS

Most of their crafts have been judged and the stars going to Big E were sent for judging there. We still have their Sand Art crafts to be judged which have been displayed at the 3 fair exhibits to earn money for their activities and donations. This will be at the 'Grow Juniors' meeting at Tranquility Grange in Lincolnville in Sept.

This meeting is always planned in an area closer to the North East Granges instead of the South West ones. It's a long way from Westbrook/Auburn to Jonesboro/Alexander so we try to compromise and give all kids a chance to gather together at least once a year.

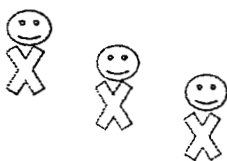
Hopefully, there will be someone to continue exhibiting at the fairs next year. Marilyn is willing to help, but is physically unable to continue the setting up. They earned \$341.00 at fairs near Marilyn – Pittston, Windsor and Litchfield and she has enjoyed promoting the Juniors, showing they are alive and involved. We need to find someone to set up more exhibits in other areas. Can you do it??? Marilyn will help with writing posters and emailing them to anyone able to print and display.

They have practiced a song for their program after the banquet at State Session in Auburn and plan to get together at the hotel where the Co-directors are staying to go over last minute stuff and use the pool. There will be a table to show what was exhibited at the fairs and the kids can pick up whatever they've made at State Session.

Many thanks for the committee members who worked so diligently this year and prayers for the ones who will be involved next year.

Let's continue with the "Spring Challenge" meeting in the spring and the "Grow Juniors" meeting in the fall. All to help with the Junior Motto of "Improvement"  
 Respectfully submitted, Terry LaCombe and Marilyn Stinson

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

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

Fraternally,  
 Rick Grotton  
 Membership Director, Maine State Grange

**GRANGES REPORTING NET GAINS**  
 For Membership Year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Androscoggin #8	+10	North Jay #10	+13 includes 6 from merge
Arbutus #450	+8	North Scarborough #495	+1
Branch Mills #336	+8	Norway #45	+6
East Maddison #228	+1	Ocean View #463	+1
East Sangerville #177	+2	Pleasant River #492	+5
Enterprise #48	+6	Saco #53	+2
Evening Star #183	+5	Valley #144	+1
Hollis #132	+1	Vassalboro #322	+1

Huntoon Hill #398	+8	Victor #49	+3
Jonesboro #357	+22 includes 8 in from merge		
Lakeside #63	+2	Waterford #479	+5
Mill Stream #574	+6	Wayside #590	+1
		Winthrop #209	+3

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## 2022 Maine Agricultural Fair - Grange Exhibit Results Received

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

Monmouth Fair                                  June 16 – 19  
 Combined Exhibits 3    (Agricultural and Domestic judged in one display)  
     1<sup>st</sup> Enterprise Grange #48  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Waterford Grange #  
     3<sup>rd</sup> Winthrop

Houlton Ag. Fair                                  June 30 - July 3  
 Ossipee Valley Fair                                July 7 -10  
 Combined Exhibits    (Agricultural and Domestic judged in one display)  
     1<sup>st</sup> Mt Etna 147  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Maple Grove #148  
     3<sup>rd</sup> Waterford #479  
     4<sup>th</sup> Saco #53

Waterford World's Fair                            July 15 – 17    No report. \* 1<sup>st</sup> Waterford 479 2<sup>nd</sup> Norway 48

Pittston Fair                                         July 21 – 24  
 Combined Exhibits 1    (Agricultural and Domestic judged in one display)  
     1<sup>st</sup> Enterprise Grange #48  
     Educational Exhibit 1    1<sup>st</sup> Maine State Junior Grange

Bangor State Fair                                  July 28 - Aug 6    No Grange Exhibits.

Northern Maine Fair                              July 30 – Aug 7    No Grange Exhibits.

Topsham Fair                                         August 7 – 14  
 Combined Exhibits 1    (Agricultural and Domestic judged in one display)  
     1<sup>st</sup> Enterprise Grange #48  
     Educational Exhibit 1    1<sup>st</sup> Maine State Junior Grange

Skowhegan Fair                                     August 11 - 20  
 Combined Exhibits 1    (Agricultural and Domestic judged in one display)  
     1<sup>st</sup> Winthrop Grange # 209

Washington County                                 August 20 – 21  
 Combined Exhibits 3    (Agricultural and Domestic judged in one display)  
     1<sup>st</sup> Jonesboro #357  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Perry #324  
     3<sup>rd</sup> Alexander 304

Union Fair August 20 – 27  
 Combined Exhibits 3 (Agricultural and Domestic judged in one display)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Medomac Valley #175  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Evening Star #183  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Union Harvest #591

Maine Farm Days August 24 - 25  
 Acton Fair August 25 – 28  
 Domestic Exhibit 1 1<sup>st</sup> Saco #53

Piscataquis Valley August 25 -28  
 Educational Exhibits 1 1<sup>st</sup> Valley Grange #144  
 Informational Display by Piscataquis Pomona #11

Windsor August 28 – Sept 5  
 Combined Exhibits 4 (Agricultural and Domestic judged in one display)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Star Grange #183  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Enterprise Grange #48  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Winthrop Grange #209  
 4<sup>th</sup> Branch Mills Grange #336  
 Educational Exhibits 1 1<sup>st</sup> Maine State Junior Grange

Blue Hill September 1 - 5  
 All 6 entries split the premium awards equally and were not judged individually.  
 Arbutus #450; Castine #250; Halcyon #345; Jonesboro #357; Lamoine #264; Union Harvest #591

Springfield September 3 – 4 No Grange exhibits  
 Harmony September 3 - 6  
 Clinton September 8 -11  
 Litchfield September 10 – 11  
 Combined Exhibits 1 1<sup>st</sup> Enterprise Grange #48  
 Educational Exhibit 1 1<sup>st</sup> Maine State Junior Grange

Oxford September 14 – 17  
 Exhibits judged separately in 2 categories:

<u>Agricultural Exhibits 6</u>	<u>Domestic Exhibits 6</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Danville Junction #65	1 <sup>st</sup> Danville Junction #65
2 <sup>nd</sup> West Minot #42	2 <sup>nd</sup> West Minot #42
3 <sup>rd</sup> Rumford #115	3 <sup>rd</sup> Excelsior #5
4 <sup>th</sup> Excelsior #5	4 <sup>th</sup> Waterford #479
5 <sup>th</sup> Waterford #479	5 <sup>th</sup> Rumford #115
6 <sup>th</sup> Norway #45	6 <sup>th</sup> Norway #45

New Portland Lions Fair September 16 – 18  
 Farmington September 18 - 24  
 Exhibits judged separately in 2 categories:

<u>Agricultural Exhibits: 2</u>	<u>Domestic Exhibits: 2</u>
Tied 1 <sup>st</sup> Farmington #12 & Tied 1 <sup>st</sup> Community #593	1 <sup>st</sup> Community #593 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mill Stream #574

Common Ground September 23 - 25

Cumberland

September 25 – Oct 1

Combined Exhibits (Agricultural and Domestic judged in one display)

1<sup>st</sup> Highland Lake #87

2<sup>nd</sup> Danville Junction #65

Educational Exhibits 1<sup>st</sup> Maine State Grange

Fryeburg

October 2 - 9

*(Fair would like Grange volunteers to man the Grange booth during the fair.)*

Agricultural Exhibits: 4

Domestic Exhibits: 7

1<sup>st</sup> West Minot 42

2<sup>nd</sup> Rumford 115

3<sup>rd</sup> Waterford 479

4<sup>th</sup> Norway 45

1<sup>st</sup> Maple Grove 148

2<sup>nd</sup> Mt. Etna 147

3<sup>rd</sup> West Minot 42

4<sup>th</sup> Saco 53

Rumford 115

Waterford 479

Norway 45

Educational Exhibits: Maine State Grange

*The Fair Building Superintendents request "we need you please continue to put in your displays."*

Big E – Eastern States Exposition, in Springfield, Massachusetts Sept 16 – Oct 2

Thanks to Mike G., Vicki H., Pauline S., and Jim & Judy M. for helping out in the store.

