



# Maine State Grange

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August 2024

The 150<sup>th</sup> Annual State Grange Session is Oct. 18 & 19 at the Auburn Masonic Hall located at 1021 Turner St, Auburn, meeting rooms upstairs. There is plenty of parking. The tentative schedule is included. Any member may attend the session, you do not have to be a delegate to attend part or all of the session, the business is conducted in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Department sales tables and raffles will be available to all.

There will be NO food, candy or beverages allowed upstairs what-so-ever. Bottled water only.

In accordance with our State Grange By-laws, all resolutions to be considered at the annual State Grange Session must be received at the State Grange office by August 15<sup>th</sup> either email or regular mail. We will need to print and mail all resolutions to Granges prior to the convention. Our quorum at State Session is 45 Delegates.

**Friday Oct. 18** -- 1:00 p.m. opening & business. 2:00 State Master's Address. 2:45 Memorial Service, 3:45 work starts on resolutions and Speaker National Grange Representative. 6:00 p.m. "Road to the Future" Banquet Buffet by Pine Cone Eastern Star Chapter here in the Masonic Hall downstairs-- tickets purchased in advance for \$16 .00 each. Awards will be presented upstairs after the banquet: Recognition of Past State Officer, Junior Awards and Program, Community Service, Family Health & Hearing, Lecturer, Membership, Educational Aid and Howe's Nurses Scholarships, CWA Awards, Home for Little Wanderers, House In the Woods and any other presentations.

**Saturday Oct 19** -- 9:00 a.m. opening, acceptance of reports & budget, election of officers & installation, discussion or workshop, speaker Dept of Agriculture. 12:00 Ag Luncheon - tickets purchased in advance for \$10.00 each. 1:30 Call back to order - business continues. **Conferral of the Sixth Degree will be at 2:30 p.m.**

Enclosed in this mailing:

Tentative program schedule for the Annual Session. Motel list for the area.  
Banquet & Ag Luncheon information and order form (money to be included with order.)  
What you need to take your 6<sup>th</sup> degree or to get into the session. Frequently Asked Questions.

**The Annual State Grange Banquet "Road to the Future"** will be on Friday., Oct 18 at 6:00 P.M. at the Auburn Masonic Hall downstairs, 1021 Turner Street, Auburn. The buffet meal will include roast pork and meatloaf, potatoes, salad, green beans, applesauce, rolls, brownies & ice cream for dessert, coffee, tea, & lemonade. The banquet is \$16.00 per person. Form included. Formal attire may be worn if you choose but not required. Anyone may attend.

**The Agricultural Luncheon** will be Saturday at 12:00 pm downstairs at the Auburn Masonic Hall, 1021 Turner St. Lunch will include assorted sandwiches, chop suey, chips, coffee, tea, lemonade and cookies. The Ag. Luncheon is \$10.00 per person. Use the same order form. Anyone may attend.

Banquet and Ag Luncheon Reservations (limit of 88) must be mailed to **Maine State Grange, 146 State St., Augusta, ME 04330** received by **October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Checks are made payable to the Maine State Grange and both may be paid on the same check. A form is included with this mailing for those wishing to make reservations and may be copied. Attendees will be checked off at the door upon arrival. You may attend the Banquet and/or Luncheon without attending any other part of the session but you must purchase your ticket(s) in advance. Non-members may also attend. No late reservations will be accepted. Money will not be refunded if you do not attend either meal function as we must pay for the number of reservations. You may sell or transfer your reservation to another individual if you are unable to attend. Please send a note with the individual if you wish to transfer your reservations.

Fraternally,

*Sherry A. Harriman, Master*

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**6<sup>th</sup> Degree will be on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.**

To receive the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree, you must be a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree -- Pomona member in good standing, have the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> degree passwords and your 6<sup>th</sup> degree application to get into the meeting on Saturday. You may sign up for the 6<sup>th</sup> degree at the registration table anytime after the session opens. You will pay a one-time \$10.00 fee per person. (We do accept checks made out to Maine State Grange). Session attire business casual. You may be a marching candidate, wear comfortable shoes.

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Banquet Friday, Oct 18 tickets @ \$16 each \_\_\_\_\_

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**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OCTOBER 18 & 19, 2024  
AUBURN MASONIC HALL  
1021 TURNER RD., AUBURN**

**Friday, October 18**

**8:00 A.M.** Set up for the Session  
(meeting room upstairs)

**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 \_Barbara Foster, Pomona National  
Grange Representative  
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 2024-2025 Budget

**2:00 P.M.** State Master's Annual Address

**2:30 P.M.** Break

**2:45 P.M.** Memorial Service by State Chaplain  
Christine Hebert

**3:45 P.M.** Resolutions - by Committee Reports  
Speaker Barbara Foster, Pomona National Rep

**5:00 P.M.** Close in the Fourth Degree

**6:00 P.M.** *Banquet Buffet "Road to the Future"*  
Pine Cone Eastern Star Chapter #26  
1021 Turner Rd., Auburn (*downstairs*)  
Tickets \$16.00 to be Purchased in Advance  
*Upstairs:* Awards & Presentations: Recognition  
of Former Officers of MSG, Junior Program /  
Presentation, Community Service, Family Health  
& Hearing, Lecturer, Outstanding Granger,  
Membership, Educational Aid and Howes  
Nurses Scholarships, Farm Family Enterprise  
Award, CWA Awards, Home for Little  
Wanderers with donated gifts and House in the  
Woods plus the collection of the pennies.

**Saturday, October 19**

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

Reading and Adopting the Minutes of  
Friday'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 2024-2025 Budget

Election of Executive Member

Installation of Officer(s)

Resolutions by Committee Reports and  
Acceptance of Written Reports of Officers  
and Committees

General Discussion / Workshop

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

**10:45 A.M.** Session Called Back to Order  
General Discussion / Workshop

**11:15 A.M.** Speaker Department of Agriculture

**12:00 Ag Luncheon** (*downstairs*)

Tickets \$10.00 to be Purchased in Advance  
Sandwiches and Chop Suey

**1:30 P.M.** Session Called Back to Order  
Report of Credentials Committee (Final)

**Close in the Fourth Degree**

**2:30 P.M. Open in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Conferral of the Sixth Degree**

Closing 150<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 any comments or suggestions  
See you in Orono in 2025

Session at Auburn Masonic Hall – 1021 Turner St, Auburn    October 18 &19  
 (Behind the Auburn Mall on the hill)

**HOTELS IN AUBURN & LEWISTON AREA**

Prices range from \$100 per night to \$350 per night plus 9% tax. Some have discounts available but you must ask for it such as AAA, AARP, Veteran, Military and/or Senior over 62. Some include breakfast. Deposit and Cancellation Policy varies. List sorted by distance.

*Note: Listings subject to change without notice.*

| HOTEL                                                                                                                                                                                                | TOWN     | ADDRESS               | PHONE    | Distance |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Residence Inn -                                                                                                                                                                                      | Auburn   | 670 Turner St         | 777-3400 | 0.4      |
| Preferred Grange rate available. Call in & must say <i>Maine State Grange Annual Session</i> for rate.<br><i>Must call by September 20, 2024 for the preferred rate of \$199.00 plus taxes, etc.</i> |          |                       |          |          |
| America’s Best Inn -                                                                                                                                                                                 | Auburn   | 170 Center St         | 784-1331 | 1.2      |
| Hilton Garden Inn -                                                                                                                                                                                  | Auburn   | 14 Great Falls Plaza  | 784-4433 | 2.0      |
| The Munroe Inn B & B                                                                                                                                                                                 | Auburn   | 123 Pleasant St       | 376-3266 | 2.1      |
| Maine Motel & Cabins                                                                                                                                                                                 | Lewiston | 1101 Main St          | 784-7925 | 2.2      |
| Mom & Dad’s Guest House                                                                                                                                                                              | Lewiston | 121 East Ave          | 783-3032 | 2.8      |
| Bass Motel                                                                                                                                                                                           | Auburn   | 571 Washington Ave    | 783-0532 | 3.7      |
| Ramada                                                                                                                                                                                               | Lewiston | 490 Pleasant St       | 784-2331 | 4.1      |
| Motel 6                                                                                                                                                                                              | Lewiston | 516 Pleasant St       | 782-6558 | 4.2      |
| Super 8                                                                                                                                                                                              | Lewiston | 1440 Lisbon St        | 784-8882 | 4.2      |
| Sleepytime Motel                                                                                                                                                                                     | Auburn   | 46 Danville Corner Rd | 783-1435 | 6.0      |
| Travel Inn                                                                                                                                                                                           | Lewiston | 1968 Lisbon Rd        | 784-5476 | 6.2      |
| Fireside Inn & Suites                                                                                                                                                                                | Auburn   | 1777 Washington St    | 783-1454 | 6.5      |

Additional Motels & Hotels available in the area and a little further away.  
 Campgrounds available in the area.  
 A variety of restaurants, fast food and stores are close by.

## **Frequently Asked Questions About State Grange Session:**

### **What will be required of me to be admitted to the meeting/session?**

**Any** Grange member may attend the session. Business is conducted in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. You will need the Outer Gate password, the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Annual Word and the Degree word. (You are entitled to receive the passwords from the Master of your Grange when your dues are paid for the current year.) To be admitted for the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Opening Ceremony, Friday or Saturday afternoon before the Degree, you must also have the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> degree words. If you are unfamiliar with the process and what the passwords are, contact your local Master or other members of your Grange. (You will receive an appropriate sticker when you give the passwords and will not be required to give it again during the session.)

### **What if I arrive late?**

You will give the passwords at the Gate (door) then you will be admitted to the hall and take a seat. You may be asked to wait a couple of minutes to be allowed in, such as when the Flag is being presented or retired. Then you may enter and be seated. (You do not need to salute the Overseer on entering or leaving the meeting.)

### **Who may vote at the Annual State Grange Session?**

The Delegates are those members selected by vote of the Subordinate or Pomona Granges to represent their Grange and vote on the issues and election. *The Grange dues must be paid up to date at the time of the State session in order for your delegates to be entitled to vote.* Each Grange may send 2 people as delegates, most often the delegates are the Master and Spouse (or other designated person if Master is unmarried) of the Grange. If the Master & spouse cannot attend the session, others are chosen by the Grange in their place. In addition, each Grange may select 2 alternates, also. The names of the 2 delegates and 2 alternates must be registered with the State Grange Secretary on a form provided. No other persons may be substituted to vote as delegates if they are not on the registration form. *(Emergency changes may be made by phone or email prior to opening of the session.)*

### **Who may be elected to a State Office?**

Any Grange member who is in good standing (dues paid up to date in their own Grange and Pomona Grange, they must also be a Pomona member) may be elected to any State Office. During the election process, a voting delegate must present the name of the prospective person for that particular office. All the voting delegates then vote on their choice, by written ballot, from the names presented or by writing another name on the ballot.

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### **What is the attire for the session?**

There is no definite attire requirement for session for delegates or other attendees but business casual would be appropriate. Officers and Deputies are required to wear suits and dresses. Banquet attire gowns/long dresses and suits if you choose to but are not required.

### **Do I have to attend the session to attend the Banquet and/or Luncheon?**

You may attend the Banquet and/or Agricultural Luncheon without attending other parts of session but you must purchase your ticket(s) in advance. Non-members may also attend but must purchase their ticket(s) in advance. Deadline date for meal reservations is **Oct. 5.**