

**STATE SECRETARY
Sharon Morton**

To: Sherry Harriman, President/Master of the Maine State Grange, Barbara Foster, National Grange Pomona, Officers of the Maine State Grange and Delegates and Members of the Maine State Grange.

It is with pleasure that I am once again presenting my annual State Grange Secretary report.

Our Community/Subordinate Granges are continuing to meet and grow their membership. They are busy within their communities with special projects, public suppers, letting of the hall for the Community use and in return are gaining new members.

REPORT ON OUR COMMUNITY/SUBORDINATE GRANGES

Our total number of Community/Subordinate Granges as of June 30, 2024 is 80 which shows a decrease of Community/Subordinate Granges from June 30, 2023 which was 82 Community/Subordinate Granges.

September 30, 2023 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges	82
Number of Granges Organized	
Number of Granges Reorganized	
Number of Granges Dropped	
Number of Granges Consolidated	
Total Granges	82
Total Membership 2,301	
Golden Sheaf 201	
Non-Exempt Golden Sheaf 265	
Family Membership 15	

December 31, 2023 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges	82
Number of Granges Organized	
Number of Granges Reorganized	

Number of Granges Dropped

Number of Granges Consolidated	1
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Penobscot View 388 consolidated with St. George 421

Total Granges	81
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Total Membership 2,271

Golden Sheaf 185

Non-Exempt Golden Sheaf 264

Family Membership 15

March 31, 2024 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges	81
Number of Granges Organized	
Number of Granges Reorganized	

Number of Granges Dropped

Number of Granges Consolidated

Total Granges	81
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Total Membership 2,298

Golden Sheaf 179

Non-Exempt Golden Sheaf 272

Family Membership 15

June 30, 2024 Subordinate Quarterly Report

Number of Granges	81
Number of Granges Organized	
Number of Granges Reorganized	
Number of Granges Dropped	
Number of Granges Consolidated	1
Alder River 145 consolidated with Waterford 479	
Total Granges	80
Total Membership 2,266	
Golden Sheaf 163	
Non-Exempt Golden Sheaf 270	
Family Membership 15	

As I write this yearly report, I like to provide the September 30, 2023 Quarterly Report status. As of October 10, 2024 I have received 57 Quarterly Reports for September 30, 2024. I also am reporting that there are four which are late in filing their quarterly dues reports for more than September 30, 2024. **Dues are due postmarked on or before the 5th of the month following each quarter which are: March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st.**

Membership 2024

This year I am pleased to announce that our Community/Subordinate Granges have had an increase of membership. These Granges will be recognized at our Banquet. Thank you to all members who worked to increase their respective Grange membership.

Pomona Granges

Our number of Pomona Granges remain at 13. The annual reports have been received from 12 of the 13 with Hancock Pomona 13 still outstanding.

Pomona Membership

Androscoggin 1	72 members	Cumberland 15	91 members
Excelsior 5	69 members	Hancock 13	No Report
Lincoln 19	62 members	Oxford 2	24 members
Penobscot 8	51 members	Piscataquis 11	16 members
Sagadahoc 9	26 members	Somerset 6	82 members
Waldo 12	38 members	Washington 16	37 members
York 14	53 members		

Junior Granges

The Maine State Junior Grange No. 17, under the leadership of Co-Directors Betty Young and Terry Lacombe-Stevens, had a successful year.

Membership Recognition Certificates

I am always amazed with the requests for Continuous Membership Recognition Certificates each year. I had the privilege to issue Membership Recognition Certificates to all members of **Alexander Grange 304 from 4 years to 61 years of continuous membership.**

Bangor 372

50 Years Warren Parsons

Bingham 237

50 Years Shirley Hamlin

Chelsea 215

40 Years Delene Jarvi

Community 593

40 Years Tammy Lane

45 Years Mavis Lanae

Excelsior 5

40 Years Lucia Morissette

50 Years Scott Benson

55 Years Douglas Hodgkin

Phyllis Hodgkin

Gregory Johnson

Steven Verrill

Susanne Verrill

60 Years Douglas Hodgkin

Phyllis Hodgkin

65 Years Douglas Hodgkin

Phyllis Hodgkin

Cynthia Maxwell

75 Years Jean Benson

Fairview 342

50 Years Sally Merry

Mt. Etna 147

50 Years LeeAnne Tulley
75 Years Sylvia Young

No. Scarboro 495

40 Years Patricia Searls

Willow 366

60 Years Diane Newcombe
Robert Perry
65 Years Katherine Hutchins
80 Years Errol T. Clark
Arlene Cole

Winthrop 209

50 Years Arthur Wells
Heather Brigham
65 Years Jacquelyn Prescott
70 Years Wanita Baker
75 Years Leslie Gilman
Arthur Elvin
Harolyn Prescott

Technology

Our new Grange membership data base is up and running and I am now able to update your membership list. Our data base can only be as correct as what you as Secretary furnish. I am going to enclose a membership list for your review with the December Quarterly Dues report and to return them to State Grange Headquarters with your quarterly report for December.

Maine Grange Store

This year the Maine Grange Store, comprised of Granges of Androscoggin Pomona 1 and members of the Maine State Grange Agriculture Committee ran a booth at the Fryeburg Fair having for sale farm fresh vegetables, fruits, Amish jams, jellies, pickles, maple syrup, honey products, eggs, milk, cheese, apple crisp, apple cider, dry beans and a nice variety of home-made items of crochet, quilted and wooden. This year was busy, just as busy as last year, as the weather was great, hot, but made for a very successful week. I would like to thank Maynard & Gladys Chapman for all the traveling they do to get supplies; Steve & Sue Verrill for providing vegetables, getting other supplies to the fair when needed. Our dedicated workers: Norma Meserve, Cynthia Maxwell; Maynard & Gladys Chapman; Steve and Sue Verrill and Sheila Bosse. The week wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did without the Manager of the Farm Stand, Henry Morton. Thank you!!!

In Conclusion

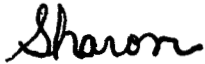
I would like to thank all the Community/Subordinate Secretaries for getting your information to the office on time. This year is coming to a close and with that I wish all our Granges the best. Be a voice in your community!

I love enjoy working with all of you and visiting with you as I travel the State of Maine.

I am leaving you with this thought:

“Change is inevitable. Change will always happen, but you have to apply direction to change, and that’s when it’s progress.” –Doug Baldwin

Fraternally submitted;



Sharon Morton, Secretary
Maine State Grange