



Maine State Grange

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August 15, 2025

The 151st Annual State Grange Session is Oct. 17 & 18 at the Black Bear Inn located at 4 Godfrey Dr., Orono, (Exit 193 off Rt I-95) Meeting room upstairs. There is plenty of parking. The tentative schedule is included. Any Grange 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 4th Degree. Department sales tables and raffles will be available to all.

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 15th either email or regular mail. We will need to print and mail all resolutions to Granges prior to the convention. 45 Delegates is our quorum at State Session. Delegates & alternates must be elected by the Sub. or Pom. Granges and registered in advance using the delegate form.

Friday Oct. 17 -- 11:00 a.m. opening & business. 11:30 State Master's Address. 12:00 Lunch – on your own; 1:30 p.m. Memorial Service, 2:30 Speaker National Grange Representative, Kathy Gibson, Lady Assistant Steward; 3:00 p.m. resolution work begins.
6:00 p.m. Banquet Buffet by Jeff's Catering here in the hotel downstairs in the Kineo Ballroom tickets purchased in advance **\$40.00 each**. Awards will be presented upstairs after the banquet (you do not have to attend the banquet to come for the awards): Recognition of Past State Officers, Educational Aid and Howe's Nurses Scholarships, Juniors, Community Service, Family Health & Hearing, Lecturer, Membership, CWA Awards & donations & any other presentations.

Saturday Oct 18 – 8:30 a.m. opening in the 4th Degree, acceptance of reports & budget, full election of officers, with resolutions mixed in with election, discussion or workshop. 12:00 Lunch – is on your own. 1:30 Call back to order,
1:45 p.m. Conferral of the Sixth Degree & business continues. Installation after degree.

Enclosed in this mailing:

Delegate Registration Form to come later.

Tentative program schedule for the Annual Session.

Banquet information and order form (money to be included with order.)

Motel list for the area.

What you need to take your 6th degree or to get into the session.

Frequently Asked Questions

Note this change from the original paperwork mailed in July.

Lunches will NOT be available Friday or Saturday Lunch will be on your own or Bring your own
A variety of restaurants, fast food, grocery and convenience stores are close by.

The Annual State Grange Banquet *“Home Grown Roots for Bountiful Harvest”* will be on Friday., Oct 17 at 6:00 P.M. at the Black Bear Inn, 4 Godfrey Dr., Orono. **\$40.00 per person, prepaid.** The buffet meal will include beef tips & stuffed chicken supreme, mac & cheese, red potatoes, green beans & baby carrots, squash, leafy salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, & lemonade. The banquet form is included. Formal attire may be worn if you choose but not required. Anyone may attend. (Cost includes meal, service charge and taxes.)

Reservations and money must be received by **October 1st** Checks made out to and mailed to **Maine State Grange, 146 State St., Augusta, ME 04330**, all may be paid on the same check. A form, for those wishing to make reservations, is included with this mailing and may be copied. Attendees will receive their tickets when you register and be checked off upon arrival. You may attend the Lunches and/or Banquet without attending any other part of the session but you must purchase your ticket(s) in advance. Non-members may also attend meals. **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 them.

Fraternally,

Sherry A. Harriman, Master

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To be admitted to the session, you will need the Outer Gate password, the 4th Degree annual word and the degree word. Business is conducted in the 4th degree. To be admitted for the 6th Degree opening Friday or Saturday afternoon you must also have the 5th and 6th degree words. Session attire is business casual. Any **member** may attend the session.

You may attend the Lunches and/or the Banquet without attending other parts of session but you must purchase your ticket(s) in advance. Dining room downstairs. (Elevator Available)

Anyone may attend the awards presentations on Friday evening without attending any other part of the session or without attending the banquet.

6th Degree will be on Saturday afternoon October 18 at 1:45 p.m.

To receive the 6th Degree, you must be a 5th Degree - Pomona member in good standing, have the 4th and 5th degree passwords and your 6th degree application to get into the meeting on Saturday. You may sign up for the 6th 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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**151st ANNUAL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2025
BLACK BEAR INN
4 GODFREY DR, ORONO, ME 04473**

Thursday October 16, 2025 Evening Set up

Friday, October 17

7:00 A.M. Set up continues for the Session
(meeting room upstairs)

9:00 A.M. Registration Opens

11:00 A.M. Opening in the Sixth Degree
Lowering to the Fourth Degree
Roll Call of Officers
Introduction National Grange Representative
Kathy Gibson, Lady Assistant Steward
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 2025-2026 Budget

11:30 A.M. State Master's Annual Address

12:00 Lunch *On your own*
Many places close by or Bring your own

1:30 P.M. Memorial Service by State Chaplain
Christine Hebert

2:15 P.M. Break

2:30 Speaker _ National Rep, Kathy Gibson, LAS

3:00 P.M. Resolutions - by Committee Reports

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

6:00 P.M. *Banquet Buffet Beef Tips & Stuffed
Chicken Tickets \$40.00 Purchased in Advance
Black Bear Inn, 4 Godfrey Dr., Orono (downstairs)
"Home Grown Roots For Bountiful Harvest"*
Awards & Presentations upstairs: Recognition of
Former Officers, Educational Aid and Howes
Nurses Scholarships, Juniors, CWA Awards &
donations, Lecturer, Membership, Community
Service, Family Health & Hearing, Outstanding
Granger, Firefighter & Educator

Saturday, October 18

8:30 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)

9:00 A.M.

Acceptance of 2025-2026 Budget

Full Election of Officers

Resolutions by Committee Reports and
Acceptance of Written Reports of Officers
and Committees *mixed in during election*

10:30 A.M. Break

10:45 A.M. Session Called Back to Order
Election continues

12:00 Lunch *On your own*
Many places close by or Bring your own

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

Close in the Fourth Degree

**1:45 P.M. Open in the 6th Degree
Conferral of the Sixth Degree**

Installation of Officers

Closing remarks

Closing 151st Annual Session in the 4th 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 2026

Session at Black Bear Inn 4 Godfry Dr, Orono, ME 04473 October 17 & 18, 2025
(Rt I-95 -- Exit 193)

A variety of restaurants, fast food, grocery and convenience stores are close by.

HOTELS IN ORONO, OLD TOWN & BANGOR AREA

Prices range from \$100 per night to \$300 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 closest to farthest. You are responsible for making your own reservations and payment.

Note: Listings subject to change without notice.

HOTEL	TOWN	ADDRESS	PHONE
Black Bear Inn	Orono	4 Godfry Dr	207-866-7120
Preferred Grange rate available. Call in & must say <i>Maine State Grange</i> for group rate. <i>Must call by October 1, 2025 for the preferred rate of \$129.00 plus taxes, etc.</i>			
Hotel Ursa	Orono	1 Moosehead Rd	207-962-1313
Milford Motel on the River	Milford	174 Main Rd	207-827-3200
Country Inn at the Mall	Bangor	936 Stillwater Ave	207-941-0200
Hampton Inn	Bangor	261 Haskell Rd	207-990-4400
Comfort Inn	Bangor	250 Haskell Rd	207-262-0099
Bangor Inn & Suites	Bangor	701 Hogan Rd	207-947-0355
White House Inn/Best Western	Hampden	155 Littlefield Ave	207-862-3737
Behind Dysarts Restaurant & Truck Stop -- Exit 180 off Rt I-95			

Additional Motels & Hotels are available in the area and a little further away. Campgrounds are available in the area.

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**For a good tour in the area with lots to see -- check out the Cole Land Transportation Museum 207-990-3600 (not just old trucks and cars)
405 Perry Rd, Bangor (off Rts. 395 & 202) Hours 9 – 5.**

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 4th degree. You will need the Outer Gate password, the 4th 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 6th Degree Opening Ceremony, Friday or Saturday afternoon before the Degree, you must also have the 5th and 6th 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 Lunch?

You may attend the Banquet and/or Lunch 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. 1**. No exceptions.

May I attend the awards presentation without attending the banquet or attending session?

Yes, you may attend the awards and not attend any other portion of the session or banquet. No password required. Awards will be presented upstairs in the meeting room after the banquet app 7:30 pm.

MEAL RESERVATION FORM FOR MAINE STATE GRANGE

Banquet Buffet **Friday, October 17, 6 pm**

Beef Tips (in brown gravy) & Stuffed Chicken Supreme, Mac & Cheese, Parsley Buttered Red Potatoes, Green Beans & Baby Carrots, Squash, House Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, and Lemonade

This reservation form & money for banquet tickets is to be sent **before October 1st** and mailed to Maine State Grange, 146 State St., Augusta, ME 04330
Make checks payable to Maine State Grange. Copies may be made of this form.

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

Number ____ of Banquet Friday, Oct 17 tickets @ \$40 each _____

October 1st deadline **Total enclosed** **\$ _____**
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