

## Fundraising Committee Annual Report 2024-2025

To the Officers and Members of the Maine State Grange:

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

Our sales table at the annual State Session in 2024 was busy and we had a good session. We had a great raffle and many Grange sale items available. In all, we cleared \$366.00.

As spring arrived, we started discussing plans for the annual State Grange Yard Sale. We decided to once again have a raffle for a \$100 VISA gift card and to add several other gift cards as well. We planned to also have a sales table of Grange items. Raffle tickets were sent out in advance to various Granges and members and asked that they sell them. A big Thank-You to those Granges or individuals who sold tickets or bought tickets. Your help is always appreciated. It was again decided to let Manchester Grange oversee renting the table spaces for the sale and let them keep the profit as they very generously let us use the hall each year for this event free of charge. There were around 14 tables rented, and everyone had a great day. Between the raffle and the sales table, we brought in \$465.00.

At the annual State Grange Session, we will again be having a table. I have received some great replies from the request letters that I sent out to the Pomonas for donations to the raffle. Some prizes donated include a VISA gift card, an Applebee's gift card and a Hannaford's gift card. As well as several baskets. I have not heard from the rest of the Pomonas yet but hope to soon. We will also have many Grange sales items available, including fans and travel cups to celebrate the Maine State Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will also have Grange magnets, cookbooks, T-shirts, and packs of Grange note cards (including Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of You, and several blanks). Something for everyone. We hope you will stop by and visit our table and pick up a few items, buy some raffle tickets, or just say hello. And, please, if you have any questions or fundraising ideas, we would be happy to hear them.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Granges, Grange Members and non-members who helped in any way this year. Many thanks to Master Sherry for her support and help.

Remember that the money we raise from our events goes directly to the State Grange to help in whatever way it can. Our profits may not be huge (although we are always hopeful!), but, as you know, every little bit helps. So, please, support our efforts in any way you can and thank you for doing so.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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