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Highlights for Secretaries to Read

In this section, we'll try to help secretaries by providing a short synopsis of each article. **Try just reading this highlights section during "communications" and offer the Bulletin to those interested in more information.** "The Bulletin contains the following information..." Then, post on the Bulletin Board or make copies so members can read the sections of interest.

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President's Perspective

By Sherry Harriman, MSG Master and President

During Grange Month, I held a State Officers meeting & ice cream social (extra incentive) and met separately with Deputies & Committee Chairs, yes, they had ice cream too. Thanks to Judy Meserve for making yummy homemade hot fudge sauce and homemade peanut butter sauce for our officers' and directors' meetings. Also, thank you, Roberta, for helping with the cleanup both days.

Attendees were assigned homework before they arrived then we discussed it at the meeting. Responses were quite varied, which I was hoping for, and the discussions were productive. Thank you, everyone, for attending and participating. I appreciate your input. We met in two separate groups because we can only seat about 20 attendees at each meeting in our new office.

I gave each of them six questions to answer/think about on their own, related to the State level and the Subordinate level.

1. Write down at least 2 (two) suggestions to improve the Grange. Or something you would like to see in the Grange. What should/could the Grange be doing? (Any subject – any level – constructive, not snide or nasty.)
2. Write down at least 1 (one) positive thing your Grange has done or accomplished.
3. Write down at least 1 (one) reply. What is the purpose of your Grange?
4. Write down at least 2 (two) replies. Why do you belong to / attend Grange?
5. Are you an Officer or Committee person? Which one(s)? Give a general description of your duties, or what should they be? If you are neither, pick one and describe what you feel should be the duties.
6. We would like to create a Maine State Grange Mission Statement. Any thoughts or suggestions?

We also discussed Granges who are **NOT** following proper procedures and ongoing personal conflicts among our members. Both



are still very concerning. *How do we resolve these issues? What solutions can we utilize? Will it make a difference? Will the right person(s) hear, accept, and adhere to the rules and rulings?* I have been reviewing the Grange Manual, State Bylaws, and National Grange Digest of Laws to identify specific sections that define my options and authority as State Master/President. Additionally, and just as importantly, what are the Subordinate/Community Masters/Presidents options and authority? All had pertinent information. I even consulted Robert's Rules of Order® and found several pieces of advice to deal with disruptions in the meeting.

In the Obligation of the Grange at all levels, we are reminded of our duties to the Order and each other. "...I will not knowingly wrong or defraud a Brother or Sister of the Order or allow it to be done by another if within my power to prevent it. I will endeavor to be a true and faithful Patron of Husbandry, perform the duties enjoined in this Order, and aid others in the performance of the same. Should I knowingly or willfully violate this pledge, I will invoke upon myself suspension or expulsion from the Order."

Applications & Balloting for Candidates for membership MUST ONLY be done at a regular meeting open in full form with a seven (7) member quorum present. The vote cannot be taken with fewer than seven members from that Grange. The Executive Committee cannot declare the persons to be members. Balloting is done by standard ballot box using balls and cubes, balls elect & cubes reject.

State Grange Session is again at the Black Bear Inn in Orono - October 30 & 31, with a very similar schedule as last year except it is not a full election year. The setup will be on Thursday, October 29. Reservations can be made with the front desk 207-962-2708 mention State Grange. Most of those participating were in agreement to return here again, and liked having everything in one place. First reminder: resolutions for the 2026 State Grange Session are due in the office by August 15, standard mail and/or email.

The facility and other date conflicts directly effects which date(s) we choose for our meeting. In our Maine State Bylaws – "**ARTICLE III – MEETINGS** Section 1. This Grange shall hold its annual meeting on any consecutive Thursday, Friday and Saturday in October. These meetings shall be scheduled at least 12 twelve months in advance." You may not remember but, many, many years ago the State Grange session was held the last full weekend of October, oftentimes that included Halloween. When we started going to Skowhegan, we were asked after a couple of years if we could move it to the weekend before Halloween so the Community Center could have other activities and events for Halloween. So we changed our dates to accommodate them. When we moved to Auburn, we adjusted our dates to their schedule. When we changed again to Bangor, we selected appropriate dates to meet our needs and we found out that was homecoming weekend, so we changed our date to accommodate any conflict for the hotel, this put us even earlier in the month. This year I checked the UMO football schedule and found the dates they would not be playing at home. One weekend was very early in the month, the other was the last weekend. I chose the latter.

WINNING WAYS

- **Positive Attitude:** Liking what you do and showing it and being willing to try new things, keeps the job fun and interesting. Learn to be enthusiastic. Successful people are the type of person that has learned to persevere.
- **Performance:** Consistently producing and encouraging top quality work. Pay attention to details and the little things. It says that you care about what you do, have pride in your work, and care about those around you.
- **Supporting your Grange:** Make your Grange a vital part of your community. Let people know that not only have they been heard, but their words have inspired action and remember to support their projects.
- **Strategies:** Knowing where you want to go and develop your plan to get there. Courtesy and speed are two attributes of a good role model.
- **Dependability:** Meeting deadlines, following through on projects, being on time. Learn how to find the answer and show that you can be depended on to get the answer.
- **Team Playing:** Work as part of a team. Learn to get along with people above, below and alongside you --Working with them as a team will accomplish a lot more than each group working on their own agenda. participating in Grange projects, cooperating with others, expecting the best, and then helping them achieve it. Learn to acknowledge the help you get -- That's the only way you'll get it.
- **Self Development:** Set realistic goals to achieve the level of expertise you want to reach by obtaining your own training, and developing special skills.
- **Visibility:** Get your members achievements and projects noticed, volunteering for special projects. Take on projects that promote a positive image, but be careful not to ignore the necessary, but less glamorous tasks.
- **Political Skills:** Knowing and responding to what's going on around you. Learn to be familiar with organization policies, know what are permitted activities and the procedures for undertaking new projects.
- **Appearance:** Showing neatness and taste, looking the part. Learn that your and your Granges appearance does count.

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Communications Column

By Walter Boomsma, MSG Communications Director

Website Update

"The only way to escape hardship is to keep moving forward." Some will recognize this as a "family-friendly" paraphrasing of a quote attributed to Winston Churchill. Over the last month or so, I've found it



necessary to keep reminding myself, "This too shall pass."

We're not quite out of the woods, but the clearing is in sight! (I seem to be full of metaphors and pithy sayings this morning.) There are probably some important lessons to be learned from the entire experience.

After nearly two decades of using the same host server, it became clear that things weren't working. Well, it became clear to me. The host server folks didn't see it that way!

I could probably make your eyes glaze over if I told the whole story and shared the many frustrations and roadblocks. The site is now fully migrated to a new server. Yay!

We can breathe easier, but we need to keep moving. It appears the major remaining difficulty is that a number of images disappeared during the move. Fortunately, I'm a bit of a packrat, so all is not lost. I will continue to replace them as I find them. If you experience any difficulties with the site, please let me know!

Forward momentum also demands that we continue to develop the site with news and resources. **Thanks to the Granges who share news of events and accomplishments.** Our future largely depends on what we do, not on what we say. If you can stand another pithy saying, society would tell us, "**What you're doing shouts so loudly we can't hear what you're saying.**" Tell us what you're doing! If local Granges don't share their news, it's the same as announcing that you're not doing anything.

One thing I really like about the new server is that it is focused on WordPress, the platform we use to develop and maintain the site. This promises some great future developments and efficiency.

As a bit of an aside, I confess that A.I. (artificial intelligence) caused some frustration during the migration. But it was also profoundly helpful at times. So much of life is about stewardship and making good use of the tools we have available and the opportunities they create. Is there really such a thing as a "bad" tool?

The website itself is a tool. One way to use the site efficiently is to subscribe so you receive a weekly summary of posts. While site visits declined during the critical period of outages, the number of subscribers did not. In fact, our subscriber count continues to increase. Slow and steady wins the race. (Are you counting the pithy sayings?)

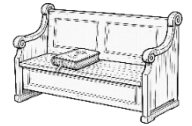
To so many, thanks for your support and patience! If you have ideas or needs, communicate them. Together we can do great things!

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FACT: It didn't take long to receive an email from the new server that we'd passed 500 site visits!

From the Deacon's Bench

By Clay Collins, Guest Columnist



Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another helper to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." (John 14:15-17)

Another month has gone by, and I am back behind the computer trying to write a thoughtful, respectful, and inspiring article that will make you want to go out and do good for your fellow human beings. Well, here goes nothing.

As we are told in this month's bible verse, and I paraphrase here, "if you love Jesus, you will keep His commandments, and He will ask the Father to welcome you into the kingdom of heaven.

This is not hard at all. You probably are doing this right now and not realizing it. Maybe you held a door open for an elderly person or helped someone up after they had fallen. No matter what it was, you were keeping a commandment of the Lord. Another view of this is when you helped a student with their studies. These are just a few examples of how we all can keep Jesus' commandments. When you do, doesn't it make you feel a little bit better? It does me!

Until the next time, remember, "Be well, do good work, and keep in touch".

Benediction: "Heavenly Father, help us to remember that keeping your commandments is the only way to be admitted to your kingdom. Amen."

Thought for the month: "God is good but never dance in a small boat." [Irish Blessing]

Editor's Note: While Chaplain Christine is burdened with technology challenges, she has invited Past MSG Chaplain Clay to share some spiritual thoughts with our Grange Flock.

Legislative Report

By Steven Haycock, MSG Legislative Director

Spring has sprung and Primary Elections are coming right up on June 9. Participating in the primary is an important step in our election process. By participating in the primary process, you have the best opportunity to choose the candidate that best represents your personal point of view. As always, do your research and vote your conscience. I mentioned at a meeting one day during refreshments that we here in Maine



politically are a purplish blue state, and one of the members didn't understand what I was referring to. She had heard the terms "red" states and "blue" states, but didn't understand what they meant. It started with the 2000 Presidential election, the major networks agreed when calling the various states in the Presidential elections that states won by a Republican candidate on the maps would be colored red, and those won by the Democratic candidate would be colored blue. Apparently, major networks had been using color-coded maps on Election night since the 1970's, but in 2000 agreed that, across all networks, red would represent Republicans and blue Democrats. There are states that almost always vote Republican or Democratic during most elections. The other states, according to political commentators, are purple or swing states as they tend to change from election to election. We here in Maine are mostly in a blue state with a weird red streak, so we are purple(ish) in my view. What does this mean for every Mainer? We are going to spend the next six months or so getting bombarded by political ads, signs, and mailings. It is nice to have an independent streak, but it comes with a lot of political noise.

So, I hope everyone is thinking about and writing resolutions for the State Grange session this fall, the deadline for resolutions to be considered at the State Grange Session is August 15. As a reminder, the whereas sections of a resolution outline the problem or issue you want to address, and the resolved section more or less covers the solution to the problem. This is resolution writing in an extremely small nutshell. Please reach out if you need some help getting your ideas into resolution form. I have some significant experience with this. I might not necessarily agree with your resolution, but I promise to help you get the correct form for presentation to your Grange. All resolutions must be passed or adopted by a Subordinate or Pomona Grange to be submitted to the Maine State Grange for consideration. (Note: certain Maine State Grange committees can also submit resolutions.) I also wanted to note that hundreds of resolutions are submitted to the National Grange every year for consideration. Resolutions regarding public policy, not internal Grange policy, do not automatically become the policy of the Maine State Grange unless adopted by the delegates at a session of the Maine State Grange. Until next time.

Membership Moments

By Rick Grotton, MSG Membership Committee Director

One of the best parts of being on the State Membership Committee is the pleasure of awarding longevity certificates to members and certificates of appreciation to community individuals who have done outstanding work to improve the lives of those around them. The positive energies are felt throughout the room, and their imprints are embedded in the walls of the Grange Halls. Listening to the recipients as they give their acceptance speech and watching their faces as their eyes sparkle, their positive energies emerge from their voices, and feeling their gratitude as it flows freely from their person gives me a warm, happy, proud feeling. It makes me grateful and proud to be a Grange member. Whether the recipient is receiving a 25-year or an 80-year certificate (yes, it is true), the responses all resonate with the same happy feelings, with good memories of their Grange membership. You can tell that being a Grange member has had a grand impact on their lives and the lives of their family and friends. I certainly can relate to that reasoning. The family of the recipients who attend but are not Grange members also listen with awe and gratitude while their family recipient is truly immersed in good thoughts and projects, conveying such feelings to the audience.

Utilize your Halls to give awards to non-members who are outstanding in your communities. There are many people doing positive things, and they are mainly overlooked. Recognize them and offer your thanks and appreciation for what they have done for the community and for the Grange. This ceremony will bring people to the Grange building, and for many, it will be their first time in a Grange Hall. The families of those recipients will learn what the Grange does. Usually, when I host such an event for non-members only, I give them a brief history of the Grange before giving awards, so they become aware of their surroundings.

Alert!!! There have been some Grange members who have been receiving calls about the use of their hall for a political event. Please remember the importance of the Grange remaining non-partisan. Even the appearance of partisan activities can become an issue.



Exploring Traditions--Meandering Around the Grange Way of Life

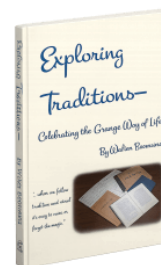
By Walter Boomsma, Guest Columnist

From the First Degree

During our recent Degree Day, someone commented that they wished more people could hear the words from the Degree Work. For the next few issues, we'll be sharing some of them!

Early in the First Degree, the Overseer explains to the candidates:

"Friends, the Grange is a great fraternity, and the lessons of its ritual are expressed by the use of symbols drawn from the field, the farm and the farm home. The first four Degrees of our Order are based upon the seasons of the year, each conveying its appropriate lesson. You are about to enter the mysteries of the First Degree, symbolic of springtime on the farm, when all Nature is bursting into newness of life. The wild flowers are making the woods and the hills glorious with their beauty; orchards are in bloom, and the air is redolent with their perfume; plowing



the fields has begun and soon the sower will go forth to sow.

Additional Laborers and Maids are needed for work in field and household, and we accept you as willing workers, now in waiting for the tasks to which you will be assigned: For in our fraternity there is work for all, and the idler has no place among Patrons of Husbandry."

Of course, the idea is to do more than simply hear (read) the words. With this, we have the opportunity to digest those words. It was not an accident that the Degree Work starts with the spring season, "when all Nature is bursting into newness of life." Joining the Grange is also about newness in our lives as we commit to live differently, in accordance with the "precepts of our order." There is work to be done on our farms, our communities, and ourselves. Joining the Grange was never meant to be a passive experience, and the "idler has no place among Patrons of Husbandry."

Another advantage of reading and absorbing these words is that we're allowed to drift off into visualization. We can take the time to see what the overseer is describing. Imagine standing at the gate to a farm, ready to enter and become responsible for what happens on it. There is no sense of dread. Perhaps some anxiety and tension, but a deep sense of excitement and possibility.

As the Lecturer accepts the candidates' applications (signets), he explains, "An honest man is the noblest work of God... The first and highest object of our Order is to develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood." That's not just something we do to and for others. It's something we do to and for ourselves.

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Any degree or ritual quotations are from the forty-seventh edition of the 2023 Subordinate Grange Manual or the most recent edition of the Pomona Grange Manual. The views and opinions expressed in "Exploring Traditions" are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official doctrine and policy of the Grange. Information about the book "Exploring Traditions—Celebrating the Grange Way of Life" can be found on Amazon or by contacting the author.

View from the Farm

By Quill's End Farm's Endians

The Soft Start

Since early April, when the frost departed from the soil in the pastures, we have been privy to the scene that unfolds every spring. From 1/4" clover leaves, cute as a kitten to a grass farmer, to the stout orchardgrass, bullying its way to the heavens, the season never yet disappoints. But the greens. They change every day, just ever so. Under gray skies, the glow seems otherworldly. Sunny skies seem to make smiling green, bright, and toothy as it blows gently in a breeze and receives its soundtrack from the newly arrived frenzy of birds.

The trees are starting to play along as well. The multitude of reds and yellows adds to the drama of yet another unfolding. They just frame the scene as the mist and clouds roll by, adding the promise of summer to the dreariness. Underneath the coming canopy, they are all business, soaking up all the moisture they can bear to miraculously turn it into foliage.

The soft start. It is frustrating to us as we wait. Know that we might be the only ones waiting in nature. The rest are off to the races while we enjoy the view.



Editor's note: This column's format includes all of the Quill's Endians participating at various times and in various ways! This month's column is by Phil.

Heather and Phil Retberg and their three children run Quill's End Farm, a 105-acre property in Penobscot that they bought in 2004. They use rotational grazing on their fifteen open acres and are renovating thirty more acres from woods to pasture to increase grazing for their pigs, grass-fed cattle, lambs, laying hens, and goats. Quill's Endians are members of Halcyon Grange and publish a newsletter for their farm's buying club of farmers in the area, and generously permit us to share some of their columns with Grangers. Visit the [Quill's End Farm Facebook Page](#) for more information.

Communication Shorts

A few short items of information and interest!

- **Resource (Secretary's Form for Minutes)** In a very roundabout way, I recently received the form for recording meeting minutes as a pdf. It's now available as a resource on our website in the Secretary's Section. There are actually two versions available. Choose wisely! (I don't believe either are required-just offered to be helpful.)
- **Grange Visiting:** We've been getting questions from folks interested in visiting Granges other than their own. It's a great idea! Be fraternal!
- **To Ponder:** "Over the years of grassroots advocacy, I have learned: People want help, but they don't want structure. People want leadership, but they resent authority." – June Stoyer

- **An Idea for Your Grange:** Mystery rides are surprise outings or trips in which the destination and itinerary are kept hidden from participants until the last moment. See the Grange Visiting short. You could stop for ice cream on the way back!

But Wait! There's More!

Here are some posts you may have missed since the last Bulletin

- Rapid Resource - Elder Abuse Speakers Bureau
- Pride at Ocean View Grange
- Fraud Watch - Gift Cards
- Mill Stram Grange Honors Vets
- Fraternal Concern - Gladys Chapman
- Grange Today! 5-8-26
- Fraud Watch - A Big Win or Big Red Flag
- Community Service Night at Highland Lake Grange
- Educational Aid Scholarships
- Dairy Goat School at Evening Star Grange
- Grange Heirloom - May 2026
- Mill Stream Grange Goes to Church
- Mill Stream Grange Officers
- Ernest Loves the Grange
- Degree Day Success
- Spring Fire Safety Tips
- Mill Stream Grange Happenings
- MSG Yard Sale
- Ocean View Grange Cleans Up!
- Grange Store Price Change
- Grange Today! 4-24-2026
- Valley Grange to Make Fabric Hugs
- Celebrating Patriots Day

Remember, you can also subscribe to our website and receive weekly summaries of new posts by email. Subscribing is easy-peasy. Just go to the site and click "Subscribe" at the top.

Grange Events

Please note that events scheduled in advance are always subject to change. Sorry, but space does not permit us to include regular local meetings, but we do include local Grange Special Events. Additional information is usually available on the MSG website.

June 2026

Every Monday, at 7 PM, **St George Grange** hosts Music Night. Enjoy live music, bring a musical instrument and play, or get up and sing.

Every Saturday, 10 AM-4 PM, Kennebec Valley Grange hosts a flea market on two floors. Call Diane Pinkham at 207 314-5135 FMI.

- Elections of Officers
- June 6, 2026, MSG Yard Sale at Manchester Grange, 9 AM – 1 PM. For table rental, 207 213-0371, For event info, 207 583-7211.
- June 13, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm.
- June 14, 2026, Dairy Goat Class at Evening Star Grange starts at 11 am. \$20, FMI contact fullmooncreamery@gmail.com.
- June 14, 2026, MSG Bulletin Deadline
- June 19, 2026, Victor Grange in Fairfield hosts a free senior lunch, 11 AM – 1 PM.

July 2026

Every Monday, at 7 PM, **St George Grange** hosts Music Night. Enjoy live music, bring a musical instrument and play, or get up and sing.

Every Saturday, 10 AM-4 PM, Kennebec Valley Grange hosts a flea market on two floors. Call Diane Pinkham at 207 314-5135 FMI.

- July 11, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm.
- July 14, 2026, MSG Bulletin Deadline
- July 17, 2026, Victor Grange in Fairfield hosts a free senior lunch, 11 AM – 1 PM.

August 2026

Every Monday, at 7 PM, **St George Grange** hosts Music Night. Enjoy live music, bring a musical instrument and play, or get up and sing.

Every Saturday, 10 AM-4 PM, Kennebec Valley Grange hosts a flea market on two floors. Call Diane Pinkham at 207 314-5135 FMI.

- August 8, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm.
- August 12, 2026, Fairview Grange Hunter Safety Class
- August 14, 2026, MSG Bulletin Deadline
- August 19, 2026, CWA Deadline for contest entries (except baking) to arrive at Manchester Grange.
- August 21, 2026, Victor Grange in Fairfield hosts a free senior lunch, 11 AM – 1 PM.

- August 22, 2026, CWA Conference at Manchester Grange starting at 9:30 am. Subordinate and Pomona Reports are due to the state director.
- August 22, 2026, Fairview Grange Hunter Safety Class
- August 31, 2026, Community Service Reports are due, including nominations, FHH Activity, etc. See Program Book FMI.

September 2026

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Every Saturday, 10 AM-4 PM, Kennebec Valley Grange hosts a flea market on two floors. [Details here](#) or call Diane Pinkham at 207 314-5135 FMI.

- September 1, 2026, Lecturer's Contests Due – skit writing, poetry writing, Grange book reading.
- September 12, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm.
- September 14, 2026, MSG Bulletin Deadline
- August 21, 2026, Victor Grange in Fairfield hosts a free senior lunch, 11 AM – 1 PM.
- September 16, 2026, Victor Grange in Fairfield hosts a free senior lunch, 11 AM – 1 PM.

October 2026

- October 10, 2026, St George Grange Public Supper, 5 pm. FMI
- October 30-31, 2026, MSG Session at the Black Bear Inn in Orono.

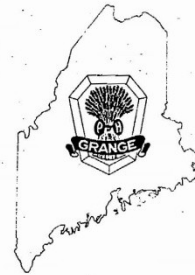
All events, letters, or articles submitted for publication must have content relating to the Grange and may be edited for length and grammar. Our complete editorial policy is available on the Maine State Grange website.

Maine Granger Guidelines

Here's a little trip down Memory Lane! How times have changed!

THE MAINE GRANGER

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GUIDELINES FOR CORRESPONDENTS

1. Typewritten or legible handwritten copy, double spaced, using only one side of the paper.
2. Programs and lists of officers filling chairs for special nights may be cut down depending on availability of space.
3. **CALENDAR.** All upcoming events that are to be listed in the calendar need to be sent on a separate sheet of paper.
4. **IN MEMORIAM.** Names for this column should be sent on a separate sheet of paper. (Not to be confused with the Memorial Fund.)
5. **MEMORIAL FUND** listings will be submitted by Ronald and Lillian Dolloff from the donations that they receive in memory of a Patron.
6. New officers will be listed either at election time or installation time, but **not both.**
7. Use **Correspondent Sheets** for **1st page** only. Attach plain white paper if extra space is needed.
8. Be sure Grange Name and Number, Correspondent's Name and Telephone number are clearly written at top of sheet where indicated.
9. Pictures should be clear and bright. Colored pictures are acceptable, but black and white pictures are preferable. Please identify clearly the event and the people in the photo. If you want the pictures returned, please include a **SASE** (Self Addressed **Stamped** enveloped) of the appropriate size. Be sure your name is on the back of the picture(s).
10. The news must be postmarked no later than the last day of the month preceeding the publication month.
Example: Mail postmarked March 31 or before will be published in the April issue.
11. **THE MAINE GRANGER** will be published on or about the 15th of each month.
12. Please include in your column any details of special upcoming events at your Grange.