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## Maine State Grange 152<sup>nd</sup> State Convention

October 30-31, 2026

Black Bear Inn 4 Godfrey Drive, Orono ME

<http://MaineStateGrange.org>



### Convention Information Packet

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Check the website for updates and additional information! Delegate Registration Form and additional information will be sent to Grange scretaries.

## A Note from Master/President Sherry

The 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Grange Session is October 30 & 31, 2026 at the Black Bear Inn located at 4 Godfrey Drive, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Must have the passwords. 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 15, 2026 either by email or standard mail. We will need to print and mail all resolutions to the 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.

The annual banquet "*Celebrate America*" will be on Friday, October 30 at 6:00 P.M. Social time at 5:00 pm at the Black Bear Inn. The buffet meal will include beef tips & chicken cordon bleu, red-skinned potatoes, rice pilaf, green beans & baby carrots, mixed veg stir-fry, leafy salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, & lemonade. The Reservation Form is included in this packet. Formal attire may be worn if you choose, but it is not required. Anyone may attend. The \$40.00 per person cost includes meal, service charges and taxes.

Fraternally,

*Sherry A. Harriman*

Master/President

## Area Information

Prices for hotels in the area range from \$125 per night to \$300 per night plus 9% tax. Some have discounts available such as AAA, AARP, Veteran, Military and/or Senior over 62, but you must request it. Some include breakfast. Deposit and Cancellation Policy varies. List sorted closest to farthest. You are responsible for making your own reservations and payment. *Listings subject to change without notice.*

| Hotel                   | Address                | Town    | Telephone    |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Black Bear Inn          | 4 Godfry Drive         | Orono   | 207-866-7120 |
| Hotel Ursa              | 1 Moosehead Road       | Orono   | 207-962-1313 |
| Milford Motel           | 174 Main Road          | Milford | 207-827-3200 |
| Country Inn at the Mall | 936 Stillwater Ave     | Bangor  | 207-941-0200 |
| Hampton Inn             | 261 Haskell Road       | Bangor  | 207-990-4400 |
| Comfort Inn             | 250 Haskell Road       | Bangor  | 207-262-0099 |
| Bangor Inn & Suites     | 701 Hogan Rd           | Bangor  | 207-947-0355 |
| White House Inn         | 155 Littlefield Avenue | Hampden | 207-862-3737 |

Additional motels, hotels, and campgrounds are available in the area.

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

# Convention Schedule

Subject to change

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

You may attend the banquet without attending other parts of the session but you must purchase your ticket(s) in advance. Anyone may attend the entertainment or awards presentations on Friday evening without attending any other part of the session or without attending the banquet.

## Thursday, October 29, 2026

Evening Set up

## Friday, October 30, 2026

- 7:00 am Set up continues
- 8:30 am Registration Opens
- 10:00 am Opening in the Sixth Degree
  - Lowering to the Fourth Degree
  - Roll Call of Officers
  - Introduction of National Grange Representative Barbara Foster
  - Report of Credentials Committee (Partial)
  - Introduction of Deputies
  - Distribution of the Order of Business
  - Acceptance of the Order of Business
  - Report of Auditor and Treasurer
  - Report of Secretary
  - Presentation of the 2026-2027 Budget
- 10:45 am State Master's Annual Address
- 11:15 am TBD
- 12:00 *Lunch on your own, many places close by or bring your own*
- 1:30 pm Memorial Service by State Chaplain Christine Hebert
- 2:15 pm Break
- 2:30 pm Speaker, National Representative, Barbara Foster
- 3:15 pm Resolutions - by Committee Reports
- 4:30 pm Close in the Fourth Degree
- 5:00 pm Social time before dinner downstairs
- 6:00 pm *Banquet Buffet "Celebrate America."* Tickets must be purchased in advance.  
Entertainment or Awards after dinner.

## Saturday, October 3, 2026

- 8:30 am 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 am Acceptance of 2026-2027 Budget  
 Election and Installation of Officers  
 Resolutions by Committee Reports and acceptance of written reports of officers  
 and committees mixed in.  
 10:30 am Break  
 10:45 am Session Called Back to Order  
 Resolutions, Workshop or Discussion  
 12:00 *Lunch on your own, many places close by or bring your own*  
 1:30 pm Session Called Back to Order  
 Report of Credentials Committee (Final)  
 Announcement of raffle winners  
 Close in the Fourth Degree  
 2:00 pm Open in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree  
 Conferral of the Sixth Degree\*  
 Closing remarks  
 Closing 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
 Tear down--we could use help

\*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 accept checks made out to Maine State Grange). Session attire is business casual. You may be a marching candidate; wear comfortable shoes.

## BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

### **Banquet Buffet                      Friday, October 30, 6:00 pm**

Beef Tips (in brown gravy) & Chicken Cordon Bleu, Parsley Buttered Red Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans & Baby Carrots, Chef's Mixed Veg Stir-fry, House Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, and Iced Tea Lemonade

Reservation form & money for banquet tickets is to be sent **before October 10<sup>th</sup>** mailed to Maine State Grange, 36 Anthony Ave, Suite 102, 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 30 tickets @ \$40 each \_\_\_\_\_

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# Frequently Asked Questions

Answers provided by President/Master Sherry

## **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.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Degree will be on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. \$10.00 fee per candidate.**

To receive the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree, you must be a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree -- Pomona member in good standing, previously Initiated or Obligated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, 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 it opens. You will pay a one-time \$10.00 fee per person. (We accept cash or checks made out to Maine State Grange). Session attire business casual. You may be asked to be a marching candidate, wear comfortable shoes.

**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?**

You may attend the Banquet 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. 10**. No exceptions.