

2025-26 Annual Report of the Maine State Grange Membership Department

To Sister Barbara Foster, National Representative and the Officers and members of the Maine State Grange

The Membership Department has submitted columns each month with helpful information to attract new membership. Please refer to the website for all past columns and information. The Committee assisted the Agricultural Committee and the Fundraising Committee on setting up an informational booth at Fryeburg Fair again this past year.

This is a year for 150th anniversary celebrations for many Community Granges, and there have been a few already. Answering questions, communicating ideas, and finding new ways to attract members is the objective of this department. Mentoring is on the list. New ideas have formed recently; one is to award new membership for their accomplishments; the other is to have Granges share on the website what they are doing to share with others. Another is to put on events around the State, such as a carnival.

I do have the membership numbers of those Granges with membership increases in the past year, and they will be shared at State Grange session.

Thank you to those who have inspired me during the past year. Remember, membership is a big concern, and we should be continuously working on increasing our numbers for future generations. Hopefully, in the next year we will be able to meet, share our ideas, and build up our membership. In the meantime, keep up the good work, the good service, and continue to be a great Granger!!!

Faternally,

Rick Grotton /s

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