

MAINE STATE GRANGE

COMMUNITY SERVICE &
FAMILY, HEALTH & HEARING
PROGRAM BOOK



2026 - 2027

September 1st - August 31st

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All items are due/post marked August 31, 2027

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COMMUNITY SERVICE & FAMILY, HEALTH & HEARING

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service is a non-paying job performed by a person or a group of people for the benefit of their community or an individual in need. Voluntary work, intended to be for the common good. Individual Projects done can count for Grange hours.

Monetary and other donations to Organizations:

- ASPCA – donate funds, toys, food, towels, blankets, for our four legged friends www.animalsheltersinmaine.com
- Barbara Bush Children's Hospital – donate funds, baby hats, toys.
- Children's Home for Little Wanderers – donate funds, toys, new clothing, hats, & mittens.
- House In the Woods Military and Family Retreat, donate funds. They provide veterans and families with support by taking them hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, etc., at no cost to the veterans & family.
- Iris Network
- "Troopons" – Collecting coupons turning them in for cash value for Military Families

Suggestions --- Sm. & Lg Project Ideas --- Things to try

- Plant trees or wildflowers.
- Put on a play at your school, a fair or festival about local environmental or human needs issues.
- Collect items for a time capsule.
- Make treats for a local senior home. Or veterans home.
- Make assorted mobiles from cards for residents in senior or assisted living, or veterans homes, who may not have anyone, or who can't have real flowers. Make bouquet or artificial plants to give to residents.
- Provide an assortment of books (all types & age groups) shelters, nursing homes and veterans homes. Include large print books.
- Provide small stuffed animals for residents to have as pets or remind them of their pet.
- Provide boxes of cards for Nursing home r residents to use to send to their friends & family.

- Take coloring books, assorted pictures and difficulty, children's coloring books are less difficult pictures, large crayons (to hold easier) & colored pencils to local senior home.
- Craft nights and Family game nights.
- Lap Blankets for nursing homes.
- Baby hats for local hospitals.
- Blood drive with American Red Cross.
- Team up with local scouts to help them get badges – cooking, sewing, quilting, etc.
- Provide artificial Christmas tree to nursing home, veterans home or shelter.
- Form a litter patrol on school or park ground. Provide gloves, masks, trash bags, etc.
- Open halls for Mother's Day/Father's Day Craft and Card making. Provide materials.
- Non-perishable food drives. Personal items drive
- In December, contact a local tree farm or nursery about donating a Christmas tree to a needy family, shelter or nursing home.
- Write letters to service men/women.
- Put together care package for service men/women.
- Hold a Teddy Bear and Friends (stuffed animals) drive. Donate the collected animals to a homeless shelter for new arrivals. Also... check with your local police station or fire station. Many are happy to take the Teddy and Friends; a teddy bear can be a comfort to children in times of distress.
- Collect gently used clothing and donate them for a dress up area at a daycare or family shelter.
- Make a holiday basket, not just for Christmas, for someone in need or crisis.
- Collect unused make-up, perfume, and other cosmetics for a center for abused women.
- Collect suitcases for abused women's shelter.
- Make center pieces, holiday cards, birthday cards, and notes for assisted living facilities, children in hospital wards, or meals on wheels.
- Donate old eyeglasses or sunglasses to an organization such as the Lions or place that recycles them for the needy.
- Collect old stuffed animals and dolls, clean them up, repair them and then donate them.

- Collect broken crayons from local restaurants like Applebee's and make crayons in small muffin cups to donate to local school and special needs classes easier to grip.
- Improve the school grounds.
- Develop and maintain a recycling program at school.
- Collect food & snacks, warm clothing, socks, toys, or personal care items for the needy. Deliver to shelters. *Remember shelters are in need all year long.*
- Plant produce. Donate harvest to a local food bank.
- Plant seeds. Sell the flowers or plants and donate the proceeds to a local organization in need.
- Pick up litter at the park.
- Meet the candidates – must provide equal time to all parties.
- Clean veterans headstones at cemeteries. Update cemetery records.
- Help Fire & Rescue purchase GPS systems for search and rescue teams.
- Right-To-Read® book project collection and distribution.
- Stuff-A-Stocking or help a family in need (anytime or all year long).
- Backpacks for Foster Children, school projects, or children involved in court cases.
- * School and regular Bus Stop Improvement. Playground set ups or repairs.
- Establish a computer recycling program using our outdated but still good computers we may find too “slow” but are still good to someone who can't afford to buy one. Possibly set them up at Grange halls for training/learning and all to have access to.
- Beatification and Earth Awareness -- host a plant or seed swap.
- Safety Awareness around your home and community.
- Words for Thirds® dictionary program.
- Parks for Animals & pets – clean up or get the community to contribute one
- Maintain cemeteries and road sides – combine with local organizations to keep road sides clean
- VA Project – Veteran Administrations, VA homes, group homes – donate hygiene items, socks, take a trip to play cards, or games, do crafts, read to them, etc.
- Maine Wreaths across America
- School for the Deaf – Community Gardens

- Hearing aid fund – raise funds to have hearing aid fund to help Grangers who need hearing aids.
- Loose change for a purpose – collect loose change, combining with local organizations for different organizations.

Food for Thought Program – Combine with National – promote to local schools

- More children have high blood pressure now due to unhealthy diets
- Put a table together during Grange Month and invite groups/families to heart healthy snacks and games.
- Adopt a Veteran or Nursing Home for the holidays and have a card writing day and send cards to each resident (not just Christmas).
- Holiday cards for Heros. Honor Local Heros. Assist with getting plaques in communities to honor local heroes.

Fundraising:

Bowl A Thon

Mini Golf A Thon

Contact Applebee's, Papa Gino's and Uno's and other restaurants, for certain organization (charity) most will give 10% or 15% towards sale for a day or breakfast, or they may donate gift cards

1. Tree Illumination Night

- a. Combine with local organizations, have 3 ft trees donated with set of lights and decorated with a theme – scratch tickets, money, kitchen items, decorations, gift certificates, fishing, etc.
- b. Advertise in local newspapers for each area to promote the event.
- c. Sell raffle tickets to raffle off each tree.
- d. Have craft table from one of the committees raising money for their organization.
- e. Bake table for another committee to raise money.
- f. Then at set time illuminate the trees, all at once and then pick raffle winners.

2. Community Service Day

- a. Invite local, regional and state wide community service organizations to set tables and promote volunteering.
- b. Set out tables again, baking, crafts, junior items, to raise funds for each committee.

3. Apron and coffee mug sale

All projects are worthy and you should let others know what you are doing.

MAINE COMMUNITY SERVICE SUMMARY

September 1st, 2026 – August 31st, 2027

Please complete this sheet in its entirety and include in your report folder.

Grange Name & Number: _____ Town: _____

Number of members in your Grange: _____

Grange Community Service Chairperson: _____

Chairperson's Address: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Summary of Projects:

Briefly describe your Grange's Community Service Project(s): _____

_____ Volunteers – Total number of Grange members participating in ALL project(s) combined

_____ Volunteers – Total number of Community Citizens / Non-Grange Members involved in ALL your projects

_____ Hours - Total volunteer hours participating in ALL project(s) combined

_____ Hours - Volunteer hours for "Project Sustenance" (food security or other similar program)

(Summary continued on the next page)

(Summary continued from previous page) (Grange Name _____ # _____)

What joint projects, do you have with other organizations outside of the Grange?

What ongoing projects carry over from year to year?

What new projects are you anticipating for the coming year?

Did you share your project(s) with National Grange Community Service Department? _____

Signature of Chairperson: _____

Master's Name: _____

We encourage all Granges to send in this summary no matter how small or large their Community Service projects and activities have been throughout the year.

Received / postmarked no later than August 31
to be eligible for a monetary award.

Please mail to:

Brenda Dyer, Community Service Director
9 Marial Ave
Biddeford, ME 04005

MAINE COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

September 1st – August 31st

Reporting: The Community Service Summary can be accepted as your total report. We encourage everyone to submit a folder/report describing in more detail all their projects / activities, hard work with Grangers and Non-members. Although we believe all who participate in community service activities are winners and deserve praise, we unfortunately cannot award everyone a momentary prize.

Reports must be received/postmarked by August 31st

Mail to: Brenda Dyer, Community Service Director
9 Marial Ave.
Biddeford, ME 04005

Contact me to make other arrangements 207-608-9193 call or text

Required:

Use report folder w / clear cover.

Max Limit 10 sheets, may be double sided 20 pages total

(May use less pages, adjust page numbers accordingly)

Required Information:

Maine State Grange Community Service Summary

Grange Name, Number, and Town where the Grange meets to show thru the clear cover at the top.

*A Picture of your Grange Hall or Meeting Place(s), **may** be added to lower outside of the cover. Do not cover Grange name, etc.*

Table of Contents *(Starting with Summary)*

Projects -- *(include the following information for each project;*

1 to 2 pages max per project)

- Name and short description of project.
- Project Plan -- How it came to be? *Community Need. Is this a repeat project, continuing or new project this year?*
- _____ Volunteers - *Number of members and hours of work for*
- _____ Volunteers - *number of non-members and hours of work*
- "Project Sustenance" food security program, and/or School Meal Assistance may be one of your projects or something similar.
- Did you share your project with National Grange?

Additional Projects Simple description, number of members & non-members, number of hours of work, *any project large or small should be reported.*

Judging Criteria of the Report: *Please review the following sections before putting your report together.*

Community Service Summary 20 points

Ensure your Community Service Summary is completely filled in and must be included in your report. *(To be seen thru the clear cover)*
Include a table of contents after the summary at beginning of report.

Project Plan(s) 20 points

Explain how the project plan was organized and by whom. Is this a repeat project, continuing or new project this year?

Community Need 10 points

How did you hear about this project? Why did you choose this project?

Volunteers -- Cooperation Achieved – 20 points

Give an accurate account of everyone who was involved--number of members from your Grange and other Granges & non-members, other organizations and total hours by all.

Presentation of Final Report	25 points
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Maximum limit **10 sheets**, may be double sided 20 pages total. Please be sure to include table of contents.

Neatness – How well organized is your report, is it easy to follow?

Content – did you cover all the information questions requested?

A maximum of 2 pages for each project listed.

Other Charitable Fundraisers 5 points

Holding fundraiser for including but not limited to BBCH Activity / Project Sustenance / School Meal Assistance / Iris Network / House In The Woods / "Troopons"

Overstuffing / over page limit **Minus -10 points**

Maximum limit 10 sheets, double sided 20 pages total.

Filling your report with excessive write-ups, materials unrelated to projects listed, and activities not considered community service. (For example: cleaning ones' own Grange, or repairs to same Grange are not considered Community Service.)

Awards: First place - \$250.00; Second place - \$200.00; Third place - \$150.00 and Fourth place - \$50.00.

MAINE STATE GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE

NOMINATION FORM FOR

POLICE OFFICER - FIREFIGHTER / EMT - EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

*you may nominate one individual for each of these 3 categories use a separate form
(circle one)*

NAME: _____ POSITION: _____

NOMINEES ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

GRANGE NAME & NUMBER: _____

NAME, TELEPHONE # & ADDRESS OF GRANGE CONTACT PERSON:

PLEASE INDICATE WHY YOU ARE NOMINATING THIS INDIVIDUAL: (INDICATE
VOLUNTEERISM, CHURCH, SCHOOL, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, ETC.)

(use back or extra sheet for more space)

SIGNATURE OF PERSON NOMINATING THE INDIVIDUAL:

Please enclose a photograph of the nominee and full contact information.

Mail to: Brenda Dyer, 9 Marial Ave, Biddeford, ME 04005

Nominations must be submitted by August 31, 2027.

Family, Health & Hearing Activity

What Family, Health & Hearing Issues has your Grange discussed this year?

Family, Health & Hearing is just that, it includes all of those items, it is proven that having fun and laughing keeps people young at heart. Please, remember to always have fun and smile. In these trying times we need that as much as possible!!!!

The Family, Health & Hearing Committee will again be running the FH & H contest.

- This year you will select your own subjects each month to cover.
- Please feel free to celebrate these events as your Grange chooses at any point during the month.
- Work with your Worthy Lecturer to set up a program each month revolving around one of the items. Or use it for an FH&H comm. report.
- Just give a list of what subjects you touched upon and a brief description of what you did. EX: A Game, A guest speaker, Readings, Discussion, etc.
- Please feel free to take a picture and do the write up and send in with your FH & H report.
- Submit a copy of the program for each month September 2026 – August 2027. Nothing fancy, just staple a copy of each program together with the Activity Sheet.

Judging Criteria:

Variety of subjects

Did you have something for Family, Health and Hearing during the year?

Was the subject relevant and helpful?

Was the subject new, unique or interesting?

Was FUN included during the year in your subjects?

Award: Our committee will award a \$50.00 prize to the top Grange meeting the criteria.

Received / postmarked no later than August 31 to:

**Brenda Dyer, Family, Health & Hearing Dir.,
9 Marial Ave,
Biddeford, ME 04005**

Family, Health & Hearing Contest Activity Sheet

Received / postmarked no later than August 31

Grange Name & Number: _____ Town: _____

Number of members in your Grange: _____

Grange Contact: _____

What Family, Health & Hearing Issues has your Grange discussed this year?

This year you will select your own subjects each month to cover.

September: _____

October: _____

November: _____

December: _____

January: _____

February: _____

March: _____

April: _____

May: _____

June: _____

July: _____

August: _____

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COMMUNITY SERVICE and FAMILY, HEALTH & HEARING QUESTIONNAIRE

Grange Name & Number: _____ Town: _____

Number of members in your Grange: _____ How many regularly attend _____

Grange Contact: _____

Does your Grange do Community Service Work or Projects? _____

Please list a few items _____

Does your Grange have a Community Service Chairperson? _____

Chairperson's name _____

Do they give a report under Standing Committees? _____

Does your Grange have a Family, Health & Hearing Chairperson? _____

Chairperson's name _____

Do they give a report under Standing Committees? _____

Or do they participate during the Lecturer's program with some educational or informational tidbit? _Please list a few items: _____

Please return to:

**Brenda Dyer, Family, Health & Hearing Dir.,
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Biddeford, ME 04005**

*(We receive additional funding toward Community Service prize money from
National Grange if we receive a certain percentage of reports.)*

(Thank you for your help.)