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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



We had a busy Maine State Grange Session held October 30 & 31 in Orono which went very well. I would say thank-you a thousand times to everyone who participated and/or helped in any way to make it a wonderful event.

We had 44 Delegates representing 27 Subordinate Granges and 22 Delegates representing 11 Pomona Granges a total of 66 Delegates with another dozen or so non-delegates participating, also. Our National Rep, Barbara Foster, Pomona of the National Grange and President of the West Virginia State Grange was unable to be with us and a letter was read from her expressing her regrets. I presented my Annual Master's Address. A beautiful Memorial Service was held. A conflict resolution workshop was directed by Rick Grotton. We recognized 14 former Officers of the Maine State Grange. Awards were presented by Community Service, Family, Health & Hearing, Membership, Lecturer, and CWA.

To celebrate our 250th Anniversary of America we recognized 8 Veterans — Dale Holst, Nancy Farrington, Carl Moon, Paul Woodman, Charles McGillicuddy, Pete Ivers, Jim Meserve and Richard Harriman, presenting each with a handmade quilted lap robe in appreciation of their military service. We enjoyed a marvelous banquet, and were entertained by "Up Tempo" a wonderful local quartet. We passed the 2026 – 2027 budget, accepted officer and department reports, and elected Steven Haycock as the newest member of the Executive Committee. Congratulations. I gave the participants a couple of "quizzes" or classroom assignments – filling out paperwork and turning it in right then, even had some fun drawing pictures. I loved all the ones I was given. We conferred the 6th Degree on 2 candidates. It was a great session, *CONGRATULATIONS* on a job well done. Again, thank you everyone.

If you would like any of the Session paperwork it can be standard mailed or emailed to you. Contact me or the office at the above

address. Most of it, is also posted on the website.

Items available:

- Master's Address
- 2026 – 2027 Budget
- Treasurer's Report
- Secretary's Report
- State Chaplain's Report and Memorial Service with deceased members list
- Performance Improvement Plan
- Committee Reports (can be sent separately or all together)
    - Auditor Report
    - Agriculture Committee
    - Communications
    - Committee of Women's Activities
    - Community Service
    - Educational Aid & Howes Nurses Scholarships
    - Fundraising
    - Legislative
    - Membership
- **2026 -2027** Program **Books**
    - Agriculture
    - Community Service
    - Communications Handbook
    - Committee of Women's Activities
    - Lecturers
- Additional **information we filled out and returned during the meeting**
    - Community Service and Family Health & Hearing Questionnaire
    - Subordinate Grange Assessment and Evaluation
    - Workshop Questions

I am working on filling my Deputy and Committee positions for the coming year. I need Deputies in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Excelsior, and Hancock Pomonas. Some counties have a State Officer assigned, but I would like to get more people involved. I could use extra Deputies in some areas that have a lot of Granges. Duties of Pomona Deputies include visiting each of the Subordinate or Community Granges in your area, give instructions and information, then make an overall report of each Grange to me, and to come to State Session, helping set up & tear down and filling in where needed during those 3 days in October. If you are interested in being a Deputy, please contact me.

The Community Service, Membership, Fundraising, Lecturer, Good of the Order, Agriculture, Women's Activities and Legislative Committees are all looking for more people to be part of their Committees, to help promote their programs, be involved with discussions and decision making as part of the committees. I would like to have more people involved. If you are interested contact me asap.

The Roster goes to print this month, as soon as I complete my Deputies and Committees. I am still missing 28 Subordinate Roster Forms.

Happy Thanksgiving! Share something with others less fortunate, especially your time.

Communications Column

By Walter Boomsma, MSG Communications Director



An Introduction and the Value of Anger

One of the often unstated benefits of Grange membership is the opportunity to network and collaborate, and I have an excellent example. Our Bulletin and website will benefit from Sean McCart and me "meeting" each other. Sean runs Farm Country Hubs, part of Great Outdoor Hubs, a small company in Winter Springs, Florida. It doesn't take long to discover that Sean's a knowledgeable guy. When we agreed to an article about the Hub here in Maine, He immediately found and read the Guest Author's Guidelines. And then he followed them!

Since I'm always seeking resources for our members, we're exploring some additional articles. Sean's working on a post about operating a farm stand or store. Granges that operate farmers' markets will be interested! We've hooked in Mark, who operates an unmanned, community-focused neighborhood store designed to support local Maine makers, bakers, farmers, and artisans right here in Abbot, Maine! How does he do it?

While our focus will be farmers and farm markets, you won't have to think too far outside the box to benefit. We may be "At the

Farm Gate," but some of the thinking can easily transfer to the Grange Hall Door. If you have ideas and questions, you can certainly reach out to Sean or me!

On another note, the conflict resolution workshop at State Session triggered some thoughts. (A friend says she can tell when my brain is having fun. This may qualify as one of those times.) The word "anger" often comes up when we talk about conflict. Anger is an emotion. So is passion. They are both raw psychological "fuel." The anger tends to be explosive, while passion burns like a steady fire. Both have value and can serve a purpose.

Imagine, for a moment, a group of Grangers who become truly angry because attendance at meetings is dismal. They care! That's good news. They still care. Their anger is telling us (and them, if they'll listen) something, but we have to listen carefully. That's hard to do when we're angry. We can work through the anger and move towards passion. A cooler head might ask "What should our meetings be like?"

When we outlaw and suppress anger, the result is likely going to be either more anger or, at the other end of the spectrum, apathy. The founders of the Grange were really angry about some of the things that were happening to farmers. After all, that was a driving force in the very creation of the Grange. To their credit, they welcomed healthy, honest debate. And they saw that it was possible to transform anger into motivation and proactivity.

Many years ago I worked an "inside" job as a director of training and organizational development. My secretary and I were quite a team. We would occasionally "stage" encounters for the benefit of the entire department! One of us might proclaim angrily, "We can't let that happen!" The other might counter, "You're right! Let's get to work on a plan…" We wanted people to know we cared deeply.

Anger is often evidence of buried passion. We manage the anger to release the passion.

I occasionally joke,"There's a lot of apathy these days, but who cares." I'd rather attend that meeting where there's frustration and anger than one where folks are half-asleep and looking forward to going home. How about you?

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FACT: In the past thirty days, 24 visitors to the site clicked on links to Grange Facebook Pages. Is yours listed and current?

Community Service/FHH

By Brenda Dyer, MSG Community Service/FHH Director

Hello Everyone. Thank you to those Granges who submitted books and reports. The complete details are in my report that is posted on the website. Community Service: 1st Highland Lake, 2nd Old Town Riverside, 3rd Mill Stream, and 4th Saco. Family, Health & Hearing winner: Danville Junction.

A Community Service and Family, Health & Hearing Questionnaire was passed out and collected at State Session; thank you, everyone, for participating. The same questionnaire is being mailed to every Grange; please fill it out and return it to me at my home address.

I would like to thank Terry & Cassie for filling in for me at State Session. Thank you to all those who donated raffle items and bought tickets for the raffle - we earned $260 toward next year's prize awards.

Thank you for the nice get-well card Joe received, signed by so many Grange friends. Happy Thanksgiving.

CWA Report

By Margaret Henderson, CWA Director



What a beautiful fall we have had. The colors were spectacular!

We had a good conference back in August. There was a total of 54 entries and there were 3 categories with
no entries. The winners from Classes A-K were sent to “Big E”. We had 5 winners from Maine. In Class A Afghans: Laurie McBurnie won 3rd place; Class B Doilies Roseanna Starks won 2nd place; Class C Embroidery: Gail Butterfield won 3rd place; Class G Adult Garment: Mary Jane McLoon won 2nd place and Class I Quilted Wall Hanging: Kathy Gowen won 1st place.

I had the pleasure of presenting these awards at State Grange. Congratulations ladies. I look forward to seeing your entries next year.

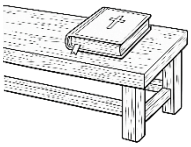
I also presented a check to Richard Harriman for House in the Woods. I also have a check to present to Home for Little Wanderers this week. Thank you to
everyone for the donations to help these organizations. They really appreciate it.

I thought that State Grange session went very well. It was great to see everyone.

I hope that everyone will have a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your day with family and friends.

From the Deacon's Bench

By Clay Collins, Guest Columnist



"Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'' Matthew 22:15-22

It is that time of year when most people turn to fall activities such as raking leaves, preparing your snow equipment upcoming storms. What to do first? Do what most people do: flip a coin.

Every time we face difficult decisions or tasks we don't necessarily want to do, What to do? We flip a coin. Either literally or figuratively.

Hopefully, we do the right thing. The Pharisees tried tricking Jesus into saying they should worship Caesar instead of God. Jesus was aware of their malice. Instead, he took a coin and told them to give Caesar what is Caesar's and God what is God's. As you move toward the holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas), be careful and always remember your elderly friends and neighbors. Check on them regularly.

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

Benediction: Gracious and patient Father of us all, help us to always make the correct decision, and forgive us for making the wrong decision. Amen.

Thought for the month: "It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." (Aristotle)

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.

Membership Moments

by Rick Grotton, MSG Membership Committee Director



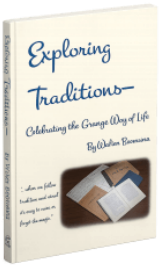
It was a wonderful time at the State Grange Session. Seeing and hanging out with old and new friends is always a highlight. For those of you who have never attended, you are missing out on making new Grange memories. I received many membership topics to share by talking to other members. The suggestions are appreciated and welcomed. Don't stop sharing!

If your Grange is in the middle or on the edge of town, invite area organizations to hold meetings or events at the Hall. Police, firemen, town meetings, ladies' clubs, or other fraternal organizations often need a place to meet when holding a special event or if their own meeting place is unavailable. Many times, they will become Grange members. Being useful and visible to the community is always a plus. Communication is a big key also. Talking and planning with other organizations makes life easier for everyone, and use of the Hall in times other than your Grange meetings is always good. Often, people will comment that they never see anyone at the Hall; it's always quiet. They then associate Granges as inactive.

Other Grangers hold free community breakfasts or lunches for the community. Inviting musicians to perform a jam session attracts many people for a night of entertainment and fun. The community will associate the Grange Hall as a fun place to go, with a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Get planning now!

Exploring Traditions
Meandering Around the Grange Way of Life

By Walter Boomsma, Guest Columnist



The Contribution of Ritual

Every time we open a meeting, we repeat the same familiar words—at least twice—reminding ourselves that we place faith in God, nurture hope, dispense charity, and are noted for fidelity (the Grange salutation). We even have hand movements to accompany it.

For some, that salutation can start to feel like a cumbersome box to check before we get to the "real" business of the meeting. When a tradition starts feeling robotic, the natural temptation is to ask: Why are we still doing this? Shouldn't we just skip ahead?

It's a fair question. Our time is precious, and none of us want to waste it on empty routine. This is the seed of the sense that "no one wants to do the ritual anymore. The Ritual, or some portion of it, has become empty.

However, there is a hidden catch to abandoning our rituals: human groups never actually get rid of rituals. If we drop an intentional tradition, we don't become purely efficient—we simply replace it with an unconscious ritual.

The new default ritual becomes rushing straight into logistics, staring at agendas (or smartphones), and diving headfirst into the day's stress ("the work of the day"). Over time, our organization stops feeling like a fellowship with a shared calling and starts feeling like just another (pain in the butt) transactional committee.

That is the difference between a routine and an intentional ritual. A routine is just a habit we repeat on autopilot. An intentional ritual is an anchor—a deliberate pause that reminds us why we are in the room before we argue over how to get the work done.

Look again at the four pillars in our salutation: faith, hope, charity, and fidelity.

Those aren't just nice words from another era; they are our actual job description. Before we debate budgets, plan events, or tackle community needs, repeating those words is meant to reset our posture. It asks us to leave our outside distractions at the door and step into our shared purpose—together, in one voice.

Of course, words only carry weight if we give them weight. Repeating our salutation on autopilot **is** a waste of time. Saying it with intention—actually listening to the words and letting them steady the room—keeps us grounded in who we are.

We don't need to keep every tradition just for the sake of history. If a habit has truly outlived its usefulness, we should be honest about it. But before we brush aside a ritual because it feels repetitive, we should ask whether the problem is the tradition itself—or just that we've stopped paying attention to what it means.

If we're "doing the ritual," we're actually going to get reminded again. "*As we are again to separate, and mingle with the world, let us not forget the precepts of our Order. Let us add dignity to labor, and in our deal- ings with our fellow men be honest, be just, and fear not. We must avoid intemperance in eating, drinking and language, also in work and recreation, and whatever we do, strive to do well. Let us be quiet, peaceful citizens, feeding the hungry, helping the fatherless and the widows, and keeping ourselves unspotted from the world."*

Next time we open a meeting, try treating the salutation not as a speed bump on the way to the agenda, but as the moment we remember why we showed up at all.

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View from the Farm

By Quill's End Farm's Endians



Hanging Out with Cows

Since early September, we have had the cows in our neighbor's field just north of Quill's End Farm. The field goes all the way to Back Ridge Rd. Every time we have animals near that (less-traveled) road, cars stop and watch. I get it. I like hanging out with cows. I wonder, though, if anyone would stop and watch 100 years ago.

It has become such an anomaly to see animals out in a field. Even in farming communities, the cows, hogs, and chickens live indoors for their entire lives. It gladdens my heart to see that people are still attracted enough to livestock to stop and stare for a second.

I spent my early years in Medellin, Colombia. It was a city of millions in the 70s and 80s of last century, but many of its residents were fresh from the countryside. Some kept chickens or quail in cages in their homes. Some kept rabbits on little dirt courtyards. Wherever there was a little space, it was filled with a vestige of a time that was fleeting, when more than not, people were involved with raising and growing their food.

Some men made money with a horse and cart. Lacking fields and barns, they would work a horse until thin, let it loose, and catch a fat one. Horses roamed the city in little herds, snacking in city parks and dooryards, biding their time until they gained enough condition to warrant being caught and worked.

For thousands of years, humans have had a working relationship with animals that the Industrial Revolution is erasing. It is a shame. Machines cannot replace the relationships built by good work, of shared sweat and experience, and the many benefits of keeping livestock.

You all get to share some of the benefits while making it possible for us to continue this millennia-old relationship in the products we make, but maybe at some time, you'll need to jump a fence, touch a cow, and remember the shared past, perhaps the future.

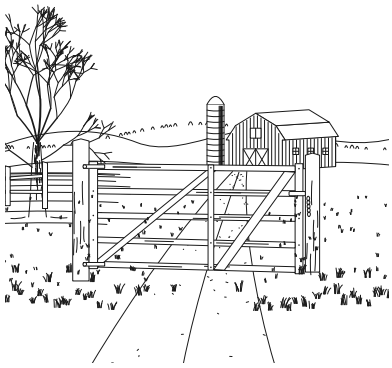
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Editor's note: This column's format includes all of the Quill's Endians participating at various times and in various ways! This month's column is by Phil.

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.

At the Farm Gate

By Sean McCart, Guest Columnist



When someone in Maine wants a pick-your-own orchard or a farm stand that is open today, they usually start with a search on their phone. If your farm shows up with hours, directions, and a few good photos, you're in the running. If it doesn't, they drive to the farm that does.

Farm Country Hubs is a free directory built for those searches. It lists farms, orchards, vineyards, and agritourism stops across the country- about 1,100 so far- each with a map pin and contact details, and most with photos and hours. Maine has 19 listed today, from u-pick berry fields in Mechanic Falls to barnyard visits in Westbrook. That is a short list for a state with as many farms as Maine has, which is the reason for this article.

Who it's for

Any farm business where customers come to you:

- U-pick fields, orchards and farm stands
- Pumpkin patches, corn mazes and Christmas tree farms
- Maple sugarhouses
- Wineries, cideries and breweries
- Farm stays, farm dinners and wedding venues
- Farms that offer tours, classes or animal visits

A farm that sells only wholesale or online isn't a fit, because a listing needs a real place visitors can come to.

What a free listing includes

- A page in the directory and a pin on the map
- Your own photos and your own description, in your words
- Hours and contact details you can change any time, for example, the week the strawberries come in
- Replies to reviews, plus a QR code you can post at the stand to collect more of them

There is no card to enter and no fee. Paid tools such as online bookings and a farm website exist, but they are optional, and a free listing keeps working without them.

How to add your farm (about two minutes)

1. Go to farmcountryhubs.com/get-listed.
2. Type your farm's name. If it is already in the directory, pick it and claim it. If it isn't, you add it. We confirm you own the farm, which is quickest when your email address matches your farm's website, and your listing gets a "verified" check.
3. Create a free account, then add your photos, hours, and a short description.

One tip: a photo of the actual field, stand or barn does more than a logo. Visitors want to see where they are going.

A project for your Grange

Listing a farm is easy to put off when there's no spare afternoon in the busy season. A winter Grange meeting is a good time for it. Bring a laptop, help a few member farms add their listings, and trade photos. If your Grange has questions along the way, I'm glad to help by email.

You can see Maine's current listings at farmcountryhubs.com/farms/maine.

About the author: Sean McCart runs Farm Country Hubs, part of Great Outdoor Hubs, a small company in Winter Springs, Florida, that builds free guides to farms and the outdoors. He can be reached at sean@greatoutdoorhubs.com.

Communication Shorts

A few short items of information and interest!

➔ **Words for Thirds - Book Exchange Boxes:** Are you getting ready for this year's dictionary distribution? Are your BEBs and Little Free Libraries prepared for winter and snowfall?

- ➔ **Submitting Events Is Easier:** Remember, we now have a specific form for submitting events on the site, and we're using it! Keep submitting! Ideally, submit event announcements at least thirty days in advance. Then send us a "breaking news" update two weeks before the event. People are visiting the site from all over Maine and beyond!
- ➔ **Craft/Christmas Fairs:** Send us your plans! We've created a special page on the site listing the ones we know about!
- ➔ **An Idea for Your Grange:** It wasn't at a Grange Hall, but we saw a Little Free Library Shed--a small garden shed outfitted with shelves and loaded with books. Why not?!
- ➔ **To Ponder:** *"Some people die at 25, but aren't buried until they are 75*." (attributed to Ben Franklin)

But Wait! There's More!

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

- Parkman Grange Christmas Party
- Fraud Watch- Guard Against Veteran Scams
- White Rock Grange Christmas Fair
- Farmington Grange Starts WWW for the Winter
- Fraud Watch- Give Robocalls the Busy Signal
- Grange Heirloom- Honest Labor
- Highlights of Maine State Grange Session
- Grange Today! 10-30-2026
- Fraud Watch- Social Media Scams
- Valley Grange is "almost ready" for Dictionary Days
- Good Day! Magazine Member Recognition
- Distinguished Mill Stream Grange Displays
- East Madison Grange Food Project
- Recent Uploads - Program Books
- Pioneer Grange Celebrates Members
- Grange Today! 10-23-2026
- 45th Annual St George Christmas Fair
- Manchester Grange Craft Fair T-8

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.

December 2026

Every Monday, 10 am – 3 pm, Saco Grange Quilting Club meets to learn techniques for quilting for charities. $5 donation.

Every first and third Wednesday, 12 pm – 2 pm, Farmington Grange meets for Welcome, Work, and Warm-up.

- December 4, 2026, Valley Grange has "Breakfast for Supper" at 6:00 pm, followed by a short meeting and program. FMI Valley Grange Website.
- December 5, 2026, Parkman Grange's Kids Christmas Party from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.
- December 12, 2026, Christmas Fair at Saco Grange #53 from 9 am to 2 pm. Join in the festivities, discovering handmade gifts from local crafters and seasonal decor.
- December 12, 2026, Girls' Night In at Saco Grange #53 at 5 pm. Come shop with a handful of amazing local vendors! No need to stress about cleaning your house—just gather your girlfriends and join us.
- December 14, 2026, MSG Printed Bulletin Deadline
- December 20, 2026, Parkman Grange's MSAD 4 Santa Project Distribution.

January 2027

Every Monday, 10 am – 3 pm, Saco Grange Quilting Club meets to learn techniques for quilting for charities. $5 donation.

Every first and third Wednesday, 12 pm – 2 pm, Farmington Grange meets for Welcome, Work, and Warm-up.

- January 14, 2027, MSG Printed Bulletin Deadline

February 2027

Every Monday, 10 am – 3 pm, Saco Grange Quilting Club meets to learn techniques for quilting for charities. $5 donation.

Every first and third Wednesday, 12 pm – 2 pm, Farmington Grange meets for Welcome, Work, and Warm-up.

- February 14, 2027, MSG Printed Bulletin Deadline

March 2027

Every Monday, 10 am – 3 pm, Saco Grange Quilting Club meets to learn techniques for quilting for charities. $5 donation.

Every first and third Wednesday, 12 pm – 2 pm, Farmington Grange meets for Welcome, Work, and Warm-up.

- March 14, 2027, MSG Printed Bulletin Deadline
- March 27, 2027, Easter Egg Hunt & Raffles at Saco Grange #53 starting at 10 am. Free, all ages. Have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

April 2027

Every Monday, 10 am – 3 pm, Saco Grange Quilting Club meets to learn techniques for quilting for charities. $5 donation.

Every first and third Wednesday, 12 pm – 2 pm, Farmington Grange meets for Welcome, Work, and Warm-up.

- Grange Month
- April 14, 2027, MSG Printed Bulletin Deadline

May 2027

Every Monday, 10 am – 3 pm, Saco Grange Quilting Club meets to learn techniques for quilting for charities. $5 donation.

Every first and third Wednesday, 12 pm – 2 pm, Farmington Grange meets for Welcome, Work, and Warm-up.

- May 14, 2027, MSG Printed Bulletin Deadline
- May 22, 2027, Outdoor Plant Sale at Saco Grange #53 from 9 am until 11 am. Come buy local plants to support the greenhouses at Sweetser. FMI

June 2027

- Elections Month
- June 14, 2027, MSG Printed Bulletin Deadline

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.

A patron places faith in God, nurtures hope, dispenses charity, and is noted for fidelity.