



President's Message

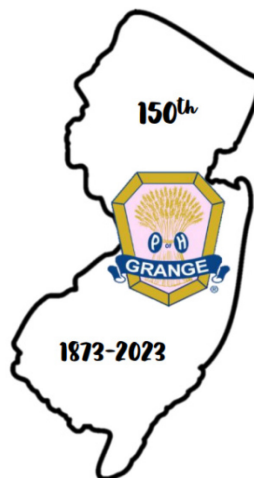
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2024 – Building the Grange for the Future

We just celebrated 150 years of the Grange in New Jersey. Now is the time to start planning for the next 150 years. What will the Grange look like in 10 years? 25 years?? 50 years???

We need to plan outreach and activities to not only keep our existing members engaged and active but attract new members. We need to build programs and outreach that is relevant and will make the Grange visible.

Here are some of the programs we are planning for 2024.



Saturday, April 6, 2024
Columbus Grange
88 Atlantic Avenue, Columbus, NJ

Workshops will be provided on Communicating with our Communities (with National Grange Communications Director Phil Vonada), leadership, membership and other tools to help your Grange grow.

A registration fee of \$5.00 per person is required to optimally plan your **FREE** lunch and to provide program materials to everyone attending. A donation will be made to a FFA Chapter on behalf of the State Grange and those attending our conference.

**Reservations for this fun and exciting, interactive day
are required by March 1, 2024.**

Please complete the reservation form that follows.

What's Going on in the Grange?

Join us on Zoom for a quarterly virtual get together to stay in touch with New Jersey and beyond Grange members.

Each evening will have a unique program as well as an opportunity to share ideas for Community Service projects, fund raising and a way to stay connected and catch-up with your friends.

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

All meetings will start at 7:30 PM and last approximately 1 hour.

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to John Benedik at JohnBenedik@hotmail.com to be put on the email invite listing.

A Day of Learning 5 Registration Form

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Please return by March 1, 2024

Name: _____

Grange Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Best Contact Phone Number: _____ (in case we need to contact you because of bad weather)

E-mail Address: _____

Number of People attending (if responding for more than just yourself) _____

Names of other people attending:

Questions can be directed to John Benedik on the State Grange Special Events Hotline: 908-442-2849
Or by email: JohnBenedik@hotmail.com.

Please make checks payable to: New Jersey State Grange and return to:

New Jersey State Grange
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1401 Cobblestone Court
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**We hope you will choose to be a part of what will be
another educational and informative day!**

Is your Grange a “Grange in Action”?

The “Grange in Action” program is a simple one-page report highlighting with pictures and captions 3 Grange event or activities that the Grange sponsored or assisted with between September 1, 2023 and August 31, 2024. Make sure it is only 1 page as any report over 1 page will be disqualified. The Grange name, number and state must be on the front of the page.

If your report includes a program or activity around increasing awareness of mental illness awareness, you will be named a Gold Grange in Action.

Reports should be submitted to Loretta Washington at National Grange headquarters either electronically (LWashington@nationalgrange.org with the subject line Grange in Action Program) or by mail to:

National Grange
1616 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Deadline for submission is **September 1, 2024.**

Some of the entries submitted will be displayed at the 158th annual session of the National Grange in Bettendorf, Iowa in November 2024.

Submit a copy of your report to John Benedik and we will display them at State Session this October as well as have a small financial prize for each Grange that participates.

