

WHAT IS THE GRANGE?

The Grange is a fraternal family organization dedicated to the betterment of rural America through community service, education, legislation and fellowship.

In 1867, the Grange became the first nationwide fraternal farm organization. It was the first national organization to give a full voice and vote to women.

Each year, Grange policies affect local, state and national legislation.

The development of Grange policy starts in our local community Granges, making us a truly grass roots organization.

As a member, you can take advantage of discounts on products, services, travel and much more.

LEARN MORE AND JOIN TODAY!

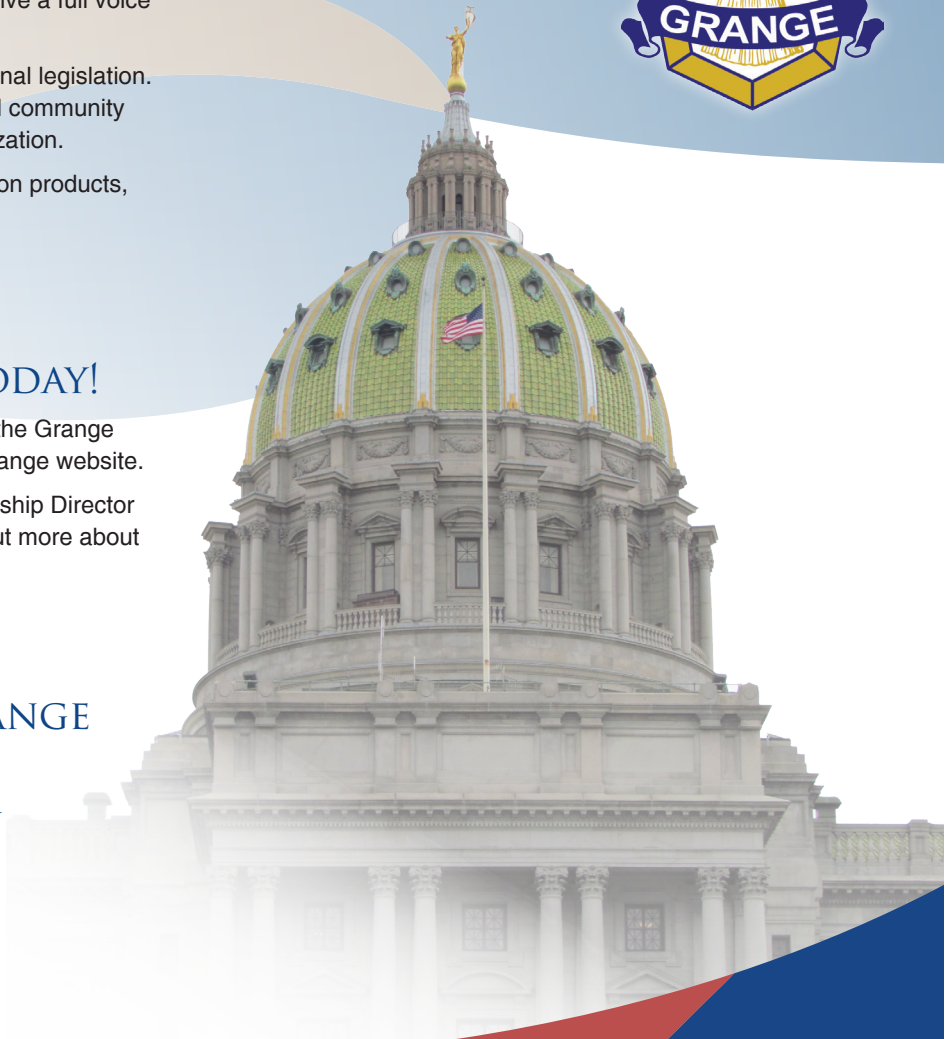
Speak to a member of your local Grange or find the Grange closest to you by visiting the Pennsylvania State Grange website.

If there's no Grange near you, contact our Membership Director by email at publicrelations@pagrange.org to find out more about starting a Grange in your community.

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CULTIVATING
COMMUNITY
CHAMPIONS



A complete listing of PA State Grange Resolutions and Policies may be found in our Legislative Summary Handbook, available at www.pagrange.org or by contacting the State Grange office.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM

As a dedicated nonpartisan grassroots organization since 1867, all Grange policy begins in our local Grange chapters and works its way up to State and National levels where our members and staff work to implement these goals and values.

The Grange is committed to an issue-based grassroots mechanism which allows us to support civic leaders based on policy rather than local politics. Although we do not support individual candidates, we strongly encourage our membership to engage in local politics and elections that can better the communities they serve.

CULTIVATING CIVIC PARTICIPATION

We, as citizens of the United States, are stewards of our resources, rights and way of life. It is our responsibility to insure these are intact for future generations. As a community service-based organization, the Grange has a long history of uniting local communities for the advancement of American values and ideals.

Strengthening civic participation in our society by acknowledging the roles of language, faith, free enterprise, patriotism, and technology is the most effective way to guarantee our liberty, promote peaceful dialogue and maintain our way of life.

Through our local and state Grange projects, we will continue our devotion to ensuring that every American citizen understands the importance of civic participation and is given the opportunity to take part in our democratic process.

RURAL EDUCATION

Every child deserves a quality education, regardless of location. It is essential that we make an investment in our next generation of growers and producers by granting them the opportunity to take an interest in agriculture and the vital purpose it serves to every global citizen.

The Grange will work with public schools across the nation to incorporate an agricultural component into their annual science curriculum, helping to ensure that kids across the country develop the most basic knowledge of where food comes from and how it is produced.

The National Grange strongly supports agriculture education including agriculture science in school, Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H and FFA.

CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES STEWARDSHIP

America's farmers, ranchers and rural landowners have been the country's original environmentalists for the past two centuries. They take great pride in the good stewardship and proper husbandry of the land, water, plants, animals and other natural resources under their watchful management. We believe Americans must not sacrifice their property or surrender their constitutional rights under the guise of environment, climate change, critical habitat, urban sprawl or other initiatives.

The Grange will continue to advocate adequate and full compensation in all cases of eminent domain such as easements, water, gas and mineral rights, energy production and transportation, grazing permits and critical habitat for endangered species. We recognize that responsible stewardship is a balance between use and preservation.

We urge Congress and the USDA to continue voluntary incentive-based assistance for farmers, ranchers, foresters and landowners which has been so successful in preserving soil, water quality and wildlife habitat.

BEING A MEMBER OF THE GRANGE
EMPOWERS YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH LEGISLATION.

