

## What is the Grange?

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

### 2008 PA State Grange Calendar

- Jan 5- PA Farm Show  
12 Harrisburg, PA
- March Young Adults/Young Marrieds  
14-16 Weekend  
State College, PA
- Jun 29- PA State Grange Junior Camp  
Jul 5 Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA
- Jul 18- PA State Grange Youth Camp  
20 Centre Hall, PA
- Jul 17- 5th Annual PA State Grange  
20 Family Festival  
Centre Hall, PA
- Oct 18- 136th Annual PA State Grange  
21 Session  
Lancaster, PA

## The Grange consists of:

1. **The Community Grange** is the foundation of the organization and serves your needs, the needs of your family, and the needs of your community.
2. **The Pomona Grange** assists your Community Grange and works at the county level for the membership.
3. **The State Grange** provides programing and assistance to your Community Grange. It works with the state legislature and promotes the organization across the entire Commonwealth.
4. **The National Grange** provides materials and training, pursues the Grange's legislative policies at the national level, and communicates with companies and organizations to provide members with outstanding benefit programs and services.

**For more information on the Grange contact your Community Grange at:**

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For a local Grange near you,  
call 1-800-552-3865, or write  
PA State Grange  
20 Erford Rd., Suite 310  
Lemoyne, PA 17043  
Or visit  
[www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org)

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

Representing ALL Pennsylvanians  
yesterday, today and tomorrow



**Membership  
Information  
&  
Application**

# PA STATE GRANGE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Grange is a nonprofit, family organization dedicated to: improving the quality of living through educational, social, legislative and community activity; advancing the cause of agriculture; developing leadership and acting as a spokesperson in public affairs, and; promoting family life through family-oriented activities.

The National Grange, organized by Oliver Hudson Kelley in 1867, was the first organization of farmers in the nation and remains the only fraternal farm organization. The PA State Grange was chartered in 1873. Today, the Grange has expanded to cover all areas of concern for rural and urban America, including health care, education, local roads and bridges, agriculture, and environmental issues.

Every year, Grange policies affect local, state, and national legislation. The development of Grange legislative policies begins at the local level where members express their views on many issues. Local Grange resolutions may be adopted by the State Grange and eventually by National Grange. The primary legislative objective of the Grange is to communicate to all levels of government the need for a healthy, broad-based agricultural economy and to improve the economic and social value of our communities. The Grange does not restrict its legislative work to agricultural issues. We do not associate with any particular political party, nor do we endorse or contribute to election campaigns.

Membership in PA totals 14,000 with nearly 300 Community and 55 Pomona (county) Granges covering 66 counties. Nationwide, membership totals 150,000 in 37 states. The Grange includes members of all ages from their Junior Grangers (ages 5-14), Youth/Young Adult Members (ages 14-35) and Regular Community (Local) members (age 35 and up).

Activities of the Grange are varied and include the following areas: Junior Camp, Young Adults/Young Marrieds Weekend, Youth Camp, Annual PA Grange Family Festival, legislative banquets, local and regional visitations, scholarships, informational meetings, educational exhibits, deaf education, citizenship, consumer needs, financial planning, and contests in photography, art, talent, needlework, stuffed toys, and quilts.

The PA Grange Federal Credit Union offers members loans for cars, crops, mortgages, and home equity. Certificates of deposit, savings and share draft accounts, and VISA cards are also available. The PA State Grange Service Corporation provides a number of member services including health, accident, auto and long-term care insurance, timber service, and farm and garden seeds.

Member benefits include discounts on rental cars, log homes, hotels, prescriptions, tools, and various products for around the home and farm as well as a free monthly newsletter, *The Advocate*, from the PA State Grange Office.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for membership in \_\_\_\_\_ Grange # \_\_\_\_\_. I desire to unite with others in elevating and advancing the interest of the American family and community life, receiving in turn the benefits and advantages of those who belong to the Grange. I promise a faithful compliance with the By-laws of this Grange and the Constitution and By-laws of the State and National Granges. I have not previously applied for membership in this or any other Grange during the past six months.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

Application fee \$5.00