

Make Plans to Attend Scranton in October

The Northeast Hosting Committee invites all Grangers to attend the 145th annual session of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Grangers will “Bring Their Grange Lights to the Electric City.”

The city of Scranton is located in the heart of Pennsylvania’s anthracite coal region and earned the “Electric City” title as its coal powered the eastern United States through the early 20th century.

Grangers from Bradford, Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming Counties are organizing an action-packed convention. The headquarters hotel is the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in downtown Scranton, Pennsylvania. The hotel was built originally as the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Station. The station was placed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1977. The hotel still retains its original clocks, doors, stairs and other historic elements throughout the building.

“2017 is a special year as Grangers celebrate the sesquicentennial of the National Grange,” said host committee chairman Ricky Oakley. “The committee looks forward to showcasing the best of the northeast this year.”

The hotel is located near the Steamtown National Historic site. Its historic displays include the Granger movement as part of the history of railroads. Grangers can also visit the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour near Scranton. Visitors to the coal mine will descend 300 feet below ground into an anthracite coal mine for an interactive experience and learn about a coal miner’s life and the Pennsylvania’s coal industry.

State Master/President Wayne Campbell will open the 145th session at 9 a.m., on Oct. 20. Pennsylvania State Grange delegates will debate the resolutions submitted by the state’s Community and Pomona Granges. The State Grange officers will present the sixth degree, or the state degree, of the Grange Saturday afternoon.

Susquehanna County Pomona Grange will present the fifth degree at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 20.

The Junior Grange Jamboree will kick off at 9 a.m. on Oct. 21. The juniors will attend a portion of the state session, visit the Lackawanna County Coal Mine, take a bus trip through the Endless Mountains to view the fall foliage with a stop at the Elk Lake High School for a pool party. The juniors will have an overnight lock-in at the Union Grange Hall in Nicholson, Pennsylvania. The evening festivities include a community service project, campfire and game night.

The Berks County Junior Grange will present the Junior Degree at the Radisson hotel at 9:15 a.m. on Oct. 22 in the Platform Room at the hotel.

Department displays will be at the hotel. Contest entries will be accepted starting at 1 p.m. on Oct. 20 at the Grand Ballroom.

The Pa State Grange Youth Officer Team will take the floor at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 21 to open the Saturday morning session. The department’s banquet will be at 5:45 p.m. that evening. A coffeehouse-themed

youth networking event sponsored by the Pennsylvania Crop Insurance Agents Association is scheduled for 9 p.m. On Sunday, the youth department will host the state public speaking and sign-a-song contest. They will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The registration, hotel and meal ticket information are available at the Pennsylvania State Grange

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