

# Mid-Atlantic Grange Leaders Conference

March 16-18, 2018

Westminster, MD

*Theme: "Luck of the Grange"*

*(Bring something GREEN to wear Saturday if you feel lucky to be part of the Grange)*

## EVENT HOTEL

Best Western Westminster  
451 WMC Drive, Westminster, MD 21158

## ROOM BLOCK

Grange Rate is \$99/night plus tax for double occupancy  
ADD \$5 for triple occupancy | \$10 for quad occupancy  
Rate is guaranteed for bookings made on or before March 3, 2018  
Each guest booked receives a FREE full breakfast  
Make your reservation directly with the hotel by calling (410) 857-1900

## REGISTRATION

Includes Italian feast dinner Saturday Night and entry to any event functions  
\$55 Early Bird (\$50 for Juniors) if postmarked or submitted online with payment by  
March 3  
\$65 On-Site (\$60 for Juniors) paid by cash, check or credit card

Go online and complete register.

[tiny.cc/MAGLC18](http://tiny.cc/MAGLC18)

*You will receive a PayPal INVOICE for your registration (early-bird registration price is only good if payment is received by March 3 online or via check)*

Or print and complete form, enclose payment and mail to:

Amanda Brozana Rios  
RE: MAGLC18  
8120 Craddock Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

## LEARN, LAUGH, SERVE: WHAT TO BRING

*Throughout the weekend you will have many options of activities and sessions to participate in. Please review the following information.*

### Sign-A-Song Participants (any age/fluency)

If you wish to be part of the Sign-A-Song competitions, please make sure to bring your music and contact CHARLENE ESPENSHADE ([youth@nationalgrange.org](mailto:youth@nationalgrange.org) or 717.574.2223) in advance about any technical requirement.

### Farm Museum Participants

There is a bit of walking at the site, and you will need a car or to coordinate with others to get from the Best Western to the Museum, which is about 10 minutes (4 mi.) away. Admission is free. Learn more about the museum at [carrollcountymuseum.org/](http://carrollcountymuseum.org/)

### Lecturer's Lunch Participants

Each person will receive a separate check. Food is GREAT and cheap (a wonderful combination!) from this farm-family run restaurant. *Bring \$20, but you'll probably still leave with change!* Look at the menu now: <http://baughers.com/pdf/MainMenu.pdf>

### ALL ATTENDEES:

We will be doing two service projects (Juniors will do a related project and can bring crayons, markers or stickers if they wish). We hope all Youth and adult attendees will solicit donations from their Grange members to bring or purchase and pack one item from each list:

#### ***LIST 1 (Homeless Period Project & Women in Crisis)***

- Individually wrapped maxi pad
- Individually wrapped feminine wipes
- Individually wrapped liners
- Individually wrapped tampons

(If you do not want to purchase a product from this list, consider clipping coupons and making a donation of \$5 so that we can pick them up from the local store Friday night.)

#### ***LIST 2 (Police & LEO Family Appreciation – Westminster Police Dept.)***

- Facemask or body lotion (women's scent) or shower gel (men's scent)
- Travel hand sanitizers, travel tissue packs
- Granola Bars, Snack Packs (any variety), hard candies (any kind), individually wrapped candies/candy packs with candies that have a "hard outer shell" (ex. Tootsie Pops; Werther's Original filled candies)
- \$5-10 gift card to Subway, Dunkin Donuts, Burger King or other chain restaurant

## **Tentative Agenda**

**Friday, March 16**

OPTIONAL: Gettysburg Tour (Request information, discount details)

Check into hotel (Please eat in advance of arrival or bring food with you. There will be no meal served this evening, however there will be snacks – thanks MD Grangers!)

*6-9:30 p.m. – Registration Open (Time for fun & games and drill practice)*

7-7:30 p.m. – Welcome by National Grange President Betsy E. Huber

7:30-8:15 p.m. – LECTURER'S PROGRAMMING 2018 (Weather Service, etc.)

8:15-10 p.m. – All-Attendee Fun with National Lecturer Christine Hamp

10-10:30 p.m. - Share your talent to earn an achievement seal!

10:30-11 p.m. – VESPERS

**Saturday, March 17**

***Get your green on if you feel lucky to be a Granger!***

Full breakfast available at hotel for anyone staying at the Best Western

8-11 a.m. – Registration Open (Cope, Smith)

8:15-9:30 a.m. – Break Out Session 1

OPTION 1 – JUNIOR DIRECTORS/YOUTH DIRECTORS

OPTION 2 – THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF GRANGE LEADERSHIP

OPTION 3 – GRANGE 2038. [Youth/Junior Select option]

9:45 a.m.-11 a.m. – Break Out Session 2

OPTION 1 – GRANGE HEALTH & THE MEANING OF MEMBERSHIP

OPTION 2 – LEADERSHIP STRATEGIES – Membership Matters, Part 1: DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

OPTION 3 – SIMPLE SIGNING [Youth/Junior Select option]

***11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. - LUNCH***

***OPTION 1 - LUNCH & Contests*** (Public Speaking, Sign-A-Song and Drill)

[included with registration cost; you are highly encouraged to be a supportive audience]

for our members participating in these events to truly give them a meaningful and worthwhile experience)

**OPTION 2 – LECTURER’S LUNCH (20 max; preference to Lecturer’s at any level of the Grange)** - Braugher’s Family Restaurant for Brainstorming.

**OPTION 3** – Find your own lunch outside the hotel (pay on your own; transportation on your own)

**1-4 p.m. – BREAK OUT ACTIVITY 1**

**TRACK 1:** FARM MUSEUM TOUR (off site)

OR

**TRACK 2**

**1-2 p.m. DISCUSSION:** Millennials and the Psychology of Service

**2:15-4 p.m. ACTIVITY MISSION-BASED, HANDS ON SERVICE PROJECTS**  
Homeless Period Project & Police Appreciation

OR

**TRACK 3**

**1-2 p.m.** Junior Pen Pal Program

**2:15-4 p.m. ACTIVITY**

DIY: CARDS & THE ART OF WRITING [Jr. Select Option]

**4:15-5:30 p.m. – Breakout Session 3**

**OPTION 1** - Improving Grange Legislative Outreach & Using it to attract/retain members

**OPTION 2 – JUNIOR AND YOUTH PROGRAM REVIEW & BRAINSTORMING**  
(open to all)

**OPTION 3 – ADULTING SERIES; LESSON 1: BASIC FINANCIAL PLANNING**  
(Select option for Youth/Juniors)

**5:45 p.m. – Breakout Activity 2**

**OPTION 1:** GRANGE JEOPARDY (compete or cheer on contestants)

**OPTION 2:** 2018 QUILT BLOCK WORKSHOP

**OPTION 3:** LEADERSHIP STRATEGIES; MAKING A GRANGER, PART 1:  
Common Ground of Food and Agriculture

**7 p.m. DINNER FOR ALL** (at hotel; included in registration cost) w/ speakers

**8:45 p.m. ESCAPE ROOM!** Open to All (Compete against another team!)

**9:45 p.m. – LUCKY YOU** [Activity by National Lecturer]

**11 p.m. – VESPERS**

**Sunday, March 18**

Full breakfast available at hotel for anyone staying at the Best Western

8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 a.m. – CALL AND RESPONSE: "That's the Grange Way" for ALL ATTENDEES

10:45 a.m. – RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND DONATION/COLLECTION OF ITEMS MADE AS PART OF SERVICE PROJECT BY WESTMINSTER POLICE AND HPP REPRESENTATIVE

NOON: Everyone departs

**NOON-4 p.m. Carroll County Farm Museum is open (free admission)**

If you didn't get to go Saturday or didn't have time to see it all, visit the museum on Sunday before you leave Westminster. Please let Amanda Brozana Rios know at [albrozana@gmail.com](mailto:albrozana@gmail.com) if you wish to go on a tour

**ABOUT THE CARROLL COUNTY FARM MUSEUM (FREE ADMISSION)**

The **Carroll County Farm Museum** provides the public with the opportunity to experience mid-19th century rural life. It was the first of its kind in Maryland; it opened its doors to the public for the first time on August 13, 1966. The Carroll County Farm Museum is home to one of the largest collections of historic farm artifacts and machinery in the Mid-Atlantic region. Visitors are given the opportunity to explore the collections of horse-powered machines and farm implements used for plowing, planting, and harvesting during the 19th century. The grounds include a croquet lawn, a fish pond, and an heirloom garden.

**REMEMBER, TUESDAY, MARCH 20 is NATIONAL AG DAY with many events in Washington, D.C., just a short drive from Westminster, MD.** Consider coordinating to include National Ag Day as part of your trip. Note your interest in National Ag Day events or contact Legislative Director Burton Eller directly at [beller@nationalgrange.org](mailto:beller@nationalgrange.org) or (202) 628-3507 ext. 114 to get details and set appointments on the Hill or participate in other functions around our Nation's Capital on this important day.

# 2018 MID-ATLANTIC GRANGE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one registration form per attendee. Early bird form and payment by March 3, \$55/Subordinate member (\$50 Juniors); on-site \$65/Subordinate member (\$60 Juniors).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member type:   \_\_\_ Subordinate Member   \_\_\_ Junior Member (Age:\_\_\_)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any health conditions/dietary restrictions we should be aware of?

\_\_\_\_\_

Check the contests/events you plan to participate in.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sign-A-Song   \_\_\_ Individual (indicate level)   \_\_\_ Group (All levels)

[Level: \_\_\_\_\_ (Junior OR novice; hobbyist; expert)]

\_\_\_\_\_ Speech (you may compete in more than one category)

\_\_\_\_\_ Prepared   \_\_\_ Impromptu Speech   \_\_\_ Radio Spot

\_\_\_\_\_ Drill (Select one: \_\_\_ I am part of a team   \_\_\_ I need a team)

\_\_\_\_\_ Talent (Describe act \_\_\_\_\_)

If you are under 18, please have your parent/guardian complete the following:

I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in all activities. I DO / DO NOT (circle one) them to be photographed or recorded. Photos and recordings may be used on Grange social media.

Emergency Contact name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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What time do you expect to arrive Friday, March 16? \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Will you be staying at the conference hotel?            YES            NO

Are you interested in getting information on the following:

Gettysburg National Military Park Tour (pre-/post-conference)            YES            NO

Carroll County Farm Museum (Sunday, post conference)            YES            NO

National Ag Day in the Nation's Capital (Tuesday, March 20)            YES            NO

## WHAT WILL YOU GET FROM THIS WEEKEND?

*Please indicate what break-out sessions/activities/lunch option you are most likely to attend so we are able to set/assign rooms appropriately and prepare the correct amount of materials for distribution/use in sessions. This does not commit you to the session/activity/lunch, but does give us a good indicator of session popularity and participation. Choose one per session/activity.*

### Saturday, Session 1

\_\_\_ Workshop for Junior and Youth Directors/Leaders/Mentors

\_\_\_ The Nuts and Bolts of Grange Leadership

\_\_\_ Grange 2038 (Designed for Youth/Juniors)

### Saturday, Session 2

\_\_\_ Grange Health & the Meaningful Membership

\_\_\_ Leadership Strategies – Membership Matters, Part 1: Do You Know Who I Am?

\_\_\_ Simple Signing (Open to all; suggested option for Juniors/Youth)

### Saturday, Lunch

\_\_\_ Lecturer's Lunch & Brainstorming @ Braugher's (limited to 20; pay for your own meal)

\_\_\_ Grange Lunch w/ Public Speaking, Sign-A-Song and Drill events (open to anyone; free)

\_\_\_ Will likely find lunch on my own and not choose to participate in either

### Saturday, Breakout Activity 1

\_\_\_ Carroll County Farm Museum Tour (off-site; free; must have/coordinate transportation)

\_\_\_ Millennials and Psychology of Service + Mission-Oriented Service Projects

\_\_\_ Jr. Pen Pal Program and DIY Cards & Art of Correspondence (Designed for Juniors)

### Saturday, Session 3

\_\_\_ Improving Grange Legislative Outreach and Using it to Attract/Retain Members

\_\_\_ Jr. and Youth Program Review, Development & Brainstorming (open to all)

\_\_\_ Adulting Series – Lesson 1: Basic Financial Terms and Planning (designed for Youth)

### Saturday, Session 4

\_\_\_ Grange Jeopardy (open for all; youth competing)

\_\_\_ 2018 Quilt Block Workshop

\_\_\_ Leadership Strategies - Making a Granger, Part 1: Ag/Food As Common Ground