

Outside My Window on Keene Rd

Are we growing our Grange here in NH? I hope so! When was the last time you asked someone to join your Grange? Membership growth doesn't happen by the work of the State Grange. It happens as a result of each and every member taking the time to ask someone to join the Grange! I am very excited by hearing about all the new members being taken in around the state. Kudos to all of the Granges with new members. Don't forget to take the time to send a complete list to the State Secretary, along with the initiation date as well as a complete address. We want to ensure that all our new members are included on the GSG mailing. Also, don't forget to send the information to our State Membership Director Anne Boisvert, so she can update the website under our "Grange Boosters Program" to recognize the Granges that are taking in new members.

It doesn't seem possible that State Grange Convention planning is already in process. Reminder: you will find the program in this paper for our upcoming session on October 27-29th at the Town and Country Motor Inn in Gorham, NH. We will be hosted by Northern NH Pomona. I am looking forward to our theme days that include Ritualism, Fun and Programming, as well as a Legislative Day. Our National Representative will be Bruce Croucher, Past Master of the NY State Grange, and currently Priest Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter. I would like to make a special invitation to our Northern Brothers and Sisters. If you have not attended a State Grange session in a while, please join us, we're in your back yard. Just a reminder to all Granges, don't forget to submit your award recipients for State consideration. Submissions go to Dick Patten.

I want to close with this thought. What is Leadership? An example of leadership was recently cited to me. I was talking to a local Grange leader, and this leader told me that they had been struggling. They sat with some of their younger members, and asked for help, asked them to step up to the plate, and start assuming some leadership in that local Grange. These members were surprised, when they were asked. They just assumed all was right, because, no one had asked them for help. They assumed because the core group was still strong, and handling everything that they really didn't need to step up. So let me ask all of our local Grange leaders, when was the last time you asked your membership for help? They may be waiting to be asked so don't be too proud to ask for help.