

National Grange Family of the Year Chosen



(Cromwell, Connecticut) - The National Grange honored The Jordan Family of Massachusetts as the recipient of this year's "Family of the Year" award tonight at the 142 nd annual National Grange convention's "Evening of Excellence." This award is designed to annually recognize one outstanding Grange family acknowledging their achievements in their local community and Grange.

The Grange has been a way of life for the Jordan Family of Massachusetts for well over 100 years. They belong to Holden Grange #78, Uxbridge Grange #200 and Apple Valley Junior Grange #138. The family has served in numerous leadership positions in their Local, County, and State Grange. Exemplifying their commitment to the Grange, one member of the Jordan family organized a peach shortcake sale at two local summer community events, Holden Days and the Rutland Chowder Challenge. Working together, the rest of the family participated in this event from start to finish, raising much needed funds.

More recently, the Jordan family initiated a new community service project for Holden Grange. Recognizing the importance of supporting the Wachusett Food Pantry in their local area, four members of the Jordan family helped secure funding for a "Pantry Partners" program through an Opportunity Grant from the Massachusetts State Grange. The grant funds Holden Grange's monthly purchases of food and/or paper goods to support the Pantry.

In addition to the Family of the Year announcement, two other families were recognized as runners up. Also from Massachusetts, the Tully Family belongs to the Dunstable Grange #31 and the Apple Valley Junior Grange #138. This family recently helped organize the Dunstable Rural Land Trust and Winterfest where the family works with a committee that hosts over 500 people. The second runner up, the Tau Family from Pennsylvania, belongs to the Hayfield Grange #800. This family is actively involved at all levels of the Grange helping with events such as annual Chicken barb-b-ques to finance youth activities.

One of my greatest pleasures is to recognize special Grange families for their dedication and leadership to our organization. Although thousands of Grange families are worthy of this prestigious award, the Jordan family has certainly exemplified our Grange mission of providing opportunities to build stronger communities and states, as well as a stronger nation through fellowship, service, and legislative change," Ed Luttrell, National Grange President stated.