

State Grange News

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From the President's Desk

By Corey Spence



As I sat at the Annual Meeting at Saint Mary's church in Rockport, I looked out the windows and saw a flock of robin red breasts out the window I know that spring is quickly

approaching. The piles of snow and ice from the recent storms are quickly melting. My morning and evening commute are not fully traveled in the dark. The flowers and crops that will begin to poke their heads out of the brown soil call us to newness of effort in our Grange lives.

One of the exciting things announced at the National Grange Leaders Conference that happened a few weeks ago in California is Project Sustenance. It is a program created by the Grange that celebrates what Granges are already doing to provide the three pillars of sustainable food supply. It focuses on Food Security, Selfsustainability, and Resilience.

Is your Grange offering free or low-cost meals? Supporting your local food pantries? You are supporting food security. Is your Grange encouraging your community to buy local, seed exchanges, gardening workshops, or offering workshops on setting a family budget? You are supporting Self-sustainability. Are you leading workshops on effective lobbying, right to farm laws, or are you offering ways for your community to come together to share their experience and skills to repair household goods? You are making your community more resilient.

Our regional Shipmate and Home and Community Service Committee Chair Theresa Kenney is excited to bring this National Grange project to Granges. You can talk to Theresa to learn more or you can go to https://www.nationalgrange.org/projectsustenance.

It was a pleasure to gather with Grangers at Shelburne Grange for a warming party after the Youth and Junior Committee had a day of tubing at Berkshire East Mountain resort. Of course there were board games, delicious snacks, hot cocoa, and more conversation and laughter then you could imagine. Seeing the pictures, I am glad that my adventure for the day was traveling to and from Shelburne. When I tried learning to ski as an adult, the instructor told me I would have a harder time than if I had learned more when I was a kid. "Kids," he said, "look down the mountain and say, 'I am going to die." He was right.

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Membership Recognition

Welcome to our New Members

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Jane Pease		Ware #164						

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 2, 2:30 p.m. — Worcester Central Pomona Joint Meeting with Petersham Grange, Congregational Church, 21 North Main St., Petersham. Program about Cory Tanner's experience at Envision STEM Camp.

Monday, March 10, 7 p.m. — Holden Grange, The Lost Granges of the Quabbin Reservoir, Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St.

Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. — North Orange Grange, Fire and Fall Safety Program by Orange Fire Department, Community Church of North Orange & Tully, 48 Main St, Orange.

Saturday, March 15, 8 a.m. — Sunrise Pomona Veterans Pancake Breakfast and Meeting at Charlton Grange, 10 Main St. Breakfast from 8-10 a.m., meeting at 10. Please RSVP by March 8 to Terry Vaill at 413-668-8153 or email terryv45@comcast.net.

Thursday, March 20, 6 p.m. — Sterling Grange, Civil War Reenacting, 14 Maple St.

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In Memoriam

Janice Cooper	Upton #125
Ken Pederson	Boxborough #131
Fleurette Patterson	Shelburne #68
Richard Rohan	Ware #164
Sandy Moss	Westport #181



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Massachusetts Agriculture in Action Expo

Hello Grangers! Time waits for no-one. The 2nd Annual Massachusetts Agriculture in Expo is only a month and a half away. Are you planning to attend? We will have vendor tables, a Farmers' Market, workshops, a food truck, and other great things. Mark your calendars in black marker for April 26th from 10-4 at Mt. Wachusett Community College in Gardner. It is sure to be a great time! See you there!

From the Agriculture and Environment Committee

Hello Everyone! Hopefully by the time you read this, most of the snow and ice will have melted away. I can't wait to see mud again, never mind grass. Anyway, enough of what I want. Let me get to what I am writing about. On February 4th, I headed over to Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical High School to present the check from the Northeast Leaders. I toured the out buildings, talked about proposals, hung out with some goats, met a lot of the students, and had a fantas-



Mission Statement:

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tic lunch in their bistro cooked by the students. I was sent two proposals from the school for the use of the funds which was forwarded on to the Northeast Leaders for their vote. In the end, it was voted that the funds will go towards revitalizing the livestock program at the school. This is super exciting and something that is drastically needed. Some of the livestock are older and they want to bring in new animals. When we started the Grange Roots Initiative, we had lofty dreams and plans. After years of hard work, we are seeing those plans come to fruition and the name of the Grange is being tied to agriculture and education. We are heading up the luncheon at the Envirothon and now we have made this great connection with "The Aggie". I know that there are other Ag High Schools in the state. Reach out to them and see how your Granges can get involved. There are so many partnerships available. You just have to be willing to step out into the community and make those connections.

Think Spring!
Matt, Kathy, Jess, Scott, Ann, & Warren



From the Lecturer

By Deborah Goodrich

Greetings to all. February has been a very cold, icy and snowy month! The good news is spring is only 20 days away. Spring begins on March 20, 2025 at 5:01 A.M. This date is the vernal equinox which marks the official start of spring. The vernal equinox occurs when the sun shines directly over the Earth's equator, providing equal amount of daylight to the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The word "equinox" comes from the Latin words aequus (equal) and nox (night). With spring on the horizon, people with a green thumb will be planning their summer gardens. What new plants will you experiment with?

With spring comes the 2025 Extravaganza being held on Sunday, April 6 in the western part of the state at the Guiding Star Grange Hall, 401 Chapman Street, Greenfield from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Bring your talent, public speaking, sign-a-song, in charge of the Youth and Junior Committee, and the annual bake-off items, which is in charge of the Home and Community Service Committee. The Bake-off items are: Adults categories: Dump Cake and/or Imposter Cake – a cake designed to look like something else! Juniors: Fruit-filled Frosted Toaster Pastry.

So, stay warm and safe.

PRESIDENT From Page 1

The next event on the State Grange calendar is the Extravaganza on April 6 at Guiding Star Grange in Greenfield. Check your program book https://tinyurl.com/MAGrangeProgramBook for the Lecturer's Talent Show, the Home and Community Committee Bake-Off, the Youth and Junior Committee Public speaking and sign-a-song contests, and the Agriculture and Environment's Speech and Junior Visual Presentation contests. It is a day not to be missed.

April 19 is the 250th anniversary of the shot heard round the world at Lexington. We are signed up to march in the Patriots' Day parade that day in Lexington. Learn more about the events surrounding this day at www.lexingtonma.gov/851/

<u>Patriots-Day-2025</u>. Contact me at <u>magrangeco-rey@gmail.com</u> if you want to march.

Your Agriculture in Action Expo Team has been hard at work creating an even more exciting event than last year. We have a farmers' market, workshops, an amazing food truck, and lots of exhibits from our Granges, Ag and environment partners, and other vendors. This year it all happens at Mount Wachusett Community College. They are excited to partner with us to put on this event. Invite your family and friends to join us on April 26th from 10-4. More info at www.massagexpo.org perhaps your Grange wants a table to share your programs and Grange work to a wide audience.

The Youth and Junior Committee return in May with the State Grange Bowling Tournament at Mohegan Bowl in Webster on May 4th. They have new rules this year to allow for teams from 4H and FFA to join. See more in this edition of the News. Get your team together and start practicing now!

March 9th is the start of our Grange Mentor Program Leadership Workshop Series. Join the Zoom to Take your Grange to the Next Level. More details will be available at www.massgrange.org/mentor. Request the Zoom link at membership@massgrange.org.

Let us know what your local Grange is doing. Send your info to the State Grange Connections Committee. We would love to share you good work and excitement with the widest possible audience. You never know where that next connection you can cultivate into membership will first learn about your Grange.

Spike and I wish you all a blessed and happy Easter and spring heralded by the return of the emerald carpet that follows the breath of Flora each year. May this season be one of growth, connection, and of course the Grange staples of food and fun!

Keep current with events and information between issues of The State Grange News:

Website: www.massgrange.org
Facebook: Massachusetts State Grange
Instagram: massgrange

Young Adults, Youth and Juniors Committee

We wish to thank everyone who participated in the FUN IN THE SNOW event on February 22nd. Twenty adventurous people (8 adults plus 12 children) enjoyed snow tubing at Berkshire East Mountain Resort in Charlemont. Others joined us for the warmup party afterwards with games and refreshments in Shelburne. We wish to thank Connecticut Valley Pomona #19 for hosting the warmup party.







We are now looking forward to the 2025 CANDLEPIN BOWLING TOURNAMENT on Sunday, May 4th from 9:15am to 12:00 noon. We have changed the rules this year to allow our friends from 4H and FFA to bowl so that we can further enhance the bridges between our three organizations. We also are allowing teams to include family and friends who are not yet part of any of our organizations so that they can experience how fun it can be to belong to the Grange. Further, there will be only four players per team, rather than five, to reduce the amount of time for the tournament. Please review the rules attached at the end of this State Grange News. We are limited to 14 teams, so sign up early to guarantee your spot.

Other exciting activities are being planned and we will let you know in future articles.

Please look at the 2024-2025 Program Handbook for contests that may be of interest to you as Young Adults, Youth, Juniors, and Young-at-Heart. The Public Speaking Contest (page 37) and the State Sign-A-Song Contest (page 38) will be taking place at the State Grange EXTRAVAGANZA. In addition, I encourage you to look at the Lecturer's Talent Contests (pages 28-29) and the Agriculture and Environment Committee Speech Competition (page 3) and Junior Visual Presentation (pages 3-4). These will also be held at the EXTRAVAGANZA. Look for more information in other parts of this State Grange News.

The goal of our team is to provide fun and exciting activities for all ages to enjoy together, that will encourage fraternal bonds to form amongst our members. Please share the information on these activities with your Grange members and friends so that we make these successful. Come to these activities yourself and ask your friends, neighbors, and coworkers to participate with you. Maybe they will enjoy themselves enough to want to join the Grange.

Karlena Henry and Roland Giguere, Co-Directors

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Monday, March 24, 6 p.m. — Holden Grange Field Trip to Mrs. Moriconi's Ice Cream. Call for details.

Saturday, April 5, 1-4 p.m. — Whately Grange 85th Anniversary Celebration, Whately Town Hall, 194 Chestnut Plain Rd. A short history of Whately Grange will be presented. Musical entertainment by Sarah the Fiddler. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, April 6, 1-5 p.m. — Grange Extravaganza, Guiding Star Grange Hall, 401 Chapman St., Greenfield. See flyer on page 11.

Monday, April 21, 7 p.m. — Easton Grange History Night in partnership with Easton's Tricentennial Celebration, Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, 3 Barrows St., North Easton.

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. — Agriculture in Action Expo, Mt. Wachusett Community College, Gardner. Visit: <u>massagexpo.org</u> for all the details.

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Sunday, May 4, 9:30 a.m. — Candlepin Bowling Tournament. See pages 15 & 16.

Friday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. — Sunrise Pomona Joint Meeting with Upton Grange, State Officer's Night and Upton Grange's 140th Anniversary and the Rededication of their restored Grange Building. See flyer on page 17.

Saturday, June 21 — Williamsburg Grange 125th Anniversary Golf Tournament. Celebrating 125 Years of Service to Our Community.

October 30-November 2 — State Grange Session, Devens.

Ware Grange is holding its annual Spring Bulb Fundraiser!

Help support our Grange by ordering your bulbs through our fundraiser. Sale starts in early March.

Visit <u>waregrange.org</u> for details and to place an order.



From the Veterans Committee

The last troops were withdrawn from Vietnam on March 29, 1973. Now, March 29th is National Vietnam War Veterans Day, first observed in 2012 when President Obama proclaimed a one-day recognition. It became an annual observance upon President Trump signing the Vietnam War Veteran Recognition Act of 2017.

The war started as a civil conflict between North and South Vietnam. The Soviet Union, China and other communist allies supported North Vietnam, and South Vietnam was joined by anti-communist allies such as the US, Australia, and South Korea. By the end of this 20-year conflict, about 500,000 US troops were sent to southeast Asia, of which more than 50,000 were killed.

With more than forty years since this conflict ended that a recognition day was set aside, it is now an appropriate tribute to Vietnam veterans who sacrificed so much and did not receive a formal welcome upon returning home. Since this year marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the war, events and recognitions are being held throughout the year. The official Department of Defense site VietnamWar5oth.com has more information on the history and resources for celebrations. If you have a Veterans program in your plans for this year, you may want to add a special recognition for those who served during the Vietnam War.

Speaking of programs, nominations are being taken for Quilt of Valor recipients at this year's State Grange Session at the Devens Common Center on October 31st. Information about a veteran for consideration, whether a member of the Grange or from the public, can be sent to the Veterans Committee Director jsegur55@gmail.com.



Massachusetts Junior Grange Ambassador Bella Carter assisted Laurel Grange Lady Assistant Steward Betty Breau at our Christmas Fair. She baked cookies for the bake sale too!





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Hello from the Home & Community Service Committee!

It's that time of year again—time to gear up for the exciting contests our department has to offer! One of our annual favorites, the 2025 Bake-Off, will take place during the Grange Extravaganza on Sunday, April 6, from 1:00–5:00 PM at Guiding Star Grange Hall, 401 Chapman St., Greenfield.

Entry Details

- Entries will be accepted beginning at 12:30 PM (or as soon as possible after, depending on the number of items).
- Judging will begin once all entries are in place.

If you'd like to participate but can't deliver your entry yourself, consider asking a friend or contacting your area Home & Community Service member—we'd be happy to assist with getting your entry submitted!

This Year's Categories Adult Categories:

- Dump Cake (Frosted or Decorated) More details below.
- Imposter Cake A cake designed to look like something else! (More details below)

Juniors Category:

• Fruit-Filled Frosted Toaster Pastry – A fun and delicious challenge for our young bakers!

Bake-Off Category Descriptions

- What is a "Dump Cake from Scratch"? A dump cake is a simple yet delicious dessert, similar to a cobbler. It's made by layering fresh or canned fruit, homemade cake batter (from scratch—flour, sugar, baking powder, etc.), and butter in a baking dish without mixing the ingredients. As it bakes, everything comes together into a golden-brown, irresistibly gooey treat—hence the name "dump cake"!
- What is an Imposter Cake?
 An imposter cake is a cleverly designed dessert that looks like something it's not! These cakes surprise and delight by resembling every-

day objects or other foods. Some fun examples include:

- Savory-Looking Cakes Cakes that mimic cheeseburgers, pizza, or even a roast chicken.
- Non-Food Cakes Cakes shaped like books, purses, or shoes.
- Food-Switch Cakes A vanilla cake disguised as a chocolate brownie or a cake that looks like a stack of pancakes.

Imposter cakes have taken social media by storm—think of those viral videos where someone cuts into a sneaker or a roll of toilet paper, only to reveal it's actually cake!

We can't wait to see all the amazing and creative entries this year! Get your baking skills ready, and let's make this Bake-Off the best one yet!

How to Enter

Entry forms and additional details are available on our website: www.massgrange.org/home-community-service

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me or one of our committee members:

Theresa Kenney (978-618-0676) | tkenney2023@gmail.com; Miriam Caldwell (603-503-5946) | mfcaldwell49@yahoo.com; Pamela Gale (978-575-0220) | cgale@mass.rr.com; Ruth Leahey (413-665-3108) | reftinker@comcast.net; Susan LaFleur (508-295-8908) | sash48@comcast.net

We look forward to seeing all the delicious and creative entries!

Fraternally, Theresa Kenney, Director Some samples of the cakes are below.













Grange Mentor Program



Leadership Workshop Series

Join us as we launch a virtual workshop series on topics to help your Grange grow and thrive in 2025! All workshops are 2-3pm, open to all members, and will be recorded!

March 9- "Taking Your Grange to the Next Level"

May 18- "Connecting and Retaining Your Members"

July 13- "Programming for the New Grange Year"

September 7- "What's working?: Grange

Success Stories"

November 23- "Funding Your Future: Grants for your Grange"

for your Grange"

Full descriptions will be available soon at www.massgrange.org/mentor. Email membership@massgrange.org to sign up to receive the link to attend!



Learn from a member of the MA Master Gardeners Association!





Instructor: **Kathi Gariepy**, Master Gardener

Join us at Central Community Grange for an informative presentation exploring the world of herbs and the modern-day herb garden.

Free & open to the Public.

Date: March 22nd, 2025 Venue: Boylston Town House, 599 Main St, Boylston MA 2:00 PM (Duration 1 Hr)

RSVP via email or Facebook!

Email: centralcommunitygrange@gmail.com Or Search "Central Community Grange" on Facebook and send us a message!







MA State Grange

EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Guiding Star Grange Hall

401 Chapman St., Greenfield, MA

Grange Youth Contest

prepared Speech

Impromptu Grange

Commercial Sign-A-Song

Time Schedule

12:30-1:00 Baked Goods Drop Off

1:00-5:00 Talent Contests & Youth Contents

Bake-Off Judging

(during contest)

After All Contests

- Winner's of Bake-Off will be announced
- Auction of Baked Goods

Lecturer's Talent Contest

1:10

Voice Instrumental Vocal / Instrumental Combo Variety Acts

Home & Community Service Bake-Off

Massachusetts State Grange

Juniors
Fruit Filled Frosted
Toaster Pastry
Adults
Dump Cake
Imposter Cake



EVENT BRIEFING

TIME & LOCATION

Massachusetts Agriculture in Action Expo

Saturday, April 26, 2025 Opening Ceremonies 9:30a Doors Open 10a | Doors Close 4p

Mt. Wachusett Community College

444 Green St Gardner, MA 01440

KEY

Event/Ag Committee Lead: Matthew Johnson mattjohnson9@verizon.net | 978 - 423 - 3324

MassAgExpo.org

AGRICULTURE IN ACTION EXPO

We are proud to present the 2nd annual Massachusetts Agriculture in Action Expo, a celebration of the food and fun in our vibrant agricultural community in the heart of the Bay State. Hosted by the Massachusetts State Grange, this *free* event has something to offer the whole family and is a testament to our commitment to supporting and promoting the rich tapestry of agriculture that defines our great state.

Workshops | Vendor Fair | Connecting Consumers & Farmers

ABOUT THE GRANGE

The Grange brings people together to build stronger communities by encouraging agricultural and environmental sustainability, community service and fostering future leaders. By supporting the Massachusetts State Grange, you will support local farms; preserve heirloom skills and crafts; provide local activities for children and young adults and promote volunteer community service projects across Massachusetts

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Opportunity to attend Opening Ceremonies alongside Government & Grange officials
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Booth provided & premium placement at vendor fair Premium logo placement on event website & materials Premium logo placement at and around event Premium listing in Annual Grange Donor Report Six-month ad space in Grange Monthly Newsletter

WORKSHOP \$1,000

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BANNER \$500

Logo and information placement on banner Booth provided for vendor fair Placement of logo on event website & materials Listing in Annual Grange Donor Report

TOTE BAG \$250

Name placement on tote bag to be distributed at event

Placement of logo on event website & materials Listing in Annual Grange Donor Report

VENDOR \$100

Booth provided for vendor fair Name placement on event website & materials Listing in Annual Grange Donor Report Full Page Ad in Program Book

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

Mt. Wachusett Community College Doors Open 10am

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Event/Ag Committee Lead: Matthew Johnson mattjohnson@verizon.net | 978 - 423 - 3324

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Enclosed is my check for \$____ made payable to Massachusetts State Grange.

Please return this form to

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22 Jordan St, Haverhill, MA 01830

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MASSACHUSETTS STATE GRANGE YOUTH & JUNIOR COMMITTEE 2025 CANDLEPIN BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 9:15 am Mohegan Bowl, 51 Thompson Road, Webster, MA 01570

(Note that the bowling tournament rules have changed. Read them carefully. These rules replace any rules published previously including those listed in the 2024-2025 Program Handbook.)

2025 TEAM RULES:

- 1. Each team must have exactly four (4) players. There is no gender requirement. There is no limit on the number of teams from any Grange, club or chapter. At least two players on each team must be a member or a leader of either Subordinate Grange, Junior Grange, 4H Club, or FFA Chapter.
 - a. **JUNIOR LEVEL TEAMS:** Players must not be over fourteen (14) years of age as of the day of the competition. Each team shall have an adult captain and a scorekeeper. The captain may be the scorekeeper. Junior Level Teams will bowl two (2) strings. Use of gutter bumpers is optional.
 - AWARDS: Each Junior player will receive a medal for participation.
 - b. **SENIOR LEVEL TEAMS:** Players may be of any age. Each team shall designate one of their players as captain. Each team shall provide a scorekeeper who will be scoring for an opposing team. You must also have a team name. Gutter bumpers are not allowed. Senior Level Teams will bowl three (3) strings.
 - AWARDS: Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Trophies will also be awarded to High Single (male & female), and High Triple (male & female).
- 2. Each player can play for only one (1) team.
- 3. One alternate will be allowed for each team. If a member is unable to finish the contest, the alternate is then able to bowl the next string and MUST finish the contest. Note: Junior Level Teams may rotate their players at any time between strings, so that alternates have the opportunity to bowl.
- 4. At 9:15 am, the scorekeepers and team captains must report for registration and instructions.
- 5. **Bowling begins promptly at 9:30 am.** Any players arriving after the sixth box must wait until the next string to bowl. A regular may not replace an alternate after the string has started.
- 6. If a team member is absent and no alternate is available, the absentee score will be equivalent to the lowest score of the same sex on any opposing team.
- 7. The match is decided by total pin fall of three (3) strings. Junior teams will only bowl two (2) strings.
- 8. The International Candlepin Bowling Association (ICBA) Rules & Regulations will be observed. Get a rule book where you bowl. Or go to the link: https://www.candlepin.org/icba-rules-regulations

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BOWLING TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline: April 26, 2025

Name of Team:								
The Team Contact Person will be notified of any last-minute changes.								
Team Contact Person:	Phone Number: Email Address:							
The Captain will be contacted, if needed, on the day of the tournament.								
Name of Captain:	Phone Number:							
(List all bowlers)	(Ci	rcle	one)		[
Bowler 1:	Grange	4H	FFA	none		Note: We realize team members		
Bowler 2:	Grange	4H	FFA	none		can change. Last minute changes are allowed on the day		
Bowler 3:	_					of the Tournament as long as		
Bowler 4:	Grange	4H	FFA	none		registration is submitted by the		
Alternate:						deadline date.		
Registration Fee: The cost for each team includes bowling and shoe rental for 4 members.								
Senior Level Team (4 members eac	ch Team):	:	\$54	ı	Ма	ke checks payable to		
Junior Level Team (4 members each Team): \$38			"Massachusetts State Grange" with a note on the memo line:					
Total Registration Fee enclosed:			"State Grange Bowling Tournament"					
Mail the registration form and check no later than April 26, 2025, to:								

Roland Giguere, Co-Director of the Youth and Junior Committee 40 Little Mohawk Rd Shelburne, MA 01370

QUESTIONS? Contact Roland Giguere at 413-475-0520 or rolandgig@gmail.com



SUNRISE POMONA #9 and UPTON GRANGE #125 invite you to their joint Meeting (State Officers Night) on Friday, May 9, 2025. It's the 140th Anniversary of Upton Grange and the Rededication of their restored Grange Building by State President Corey Spence. Sunrise Pomona will be awarding the Public Service Award to Ed Phillips, Upton Historical Commision Secretary, who was instumental in helping Upton procure State & Town Restoration Grants. Refreshments & Entertainment

