

WHAT IS THE GRANGE?

COMMUNITY

The Grange community consists of 150,000 members in 1,700 local chapters across the nation that each serve as the center of rural life in their farming communities. Each local chapter offers a wide range of locally oriented programs and activities like potluck dinners, annual Grange fairs, and community service events.

This charitable work is often the focus at local Granges with members giving thousands of volunteer hours and raising millions of dollars for important causes. Through this outreach, Granges help improve the lives of their own members and of neighbors in their rural communities. Whether by helping a neighbor in need or by organizing a bake sale to raise money for a local school, Grange members will be there serving their communities.

The Grange is for the whole family. With Junior Grange and Grange Youth, anyone over age four has a place in the Grange. These young members conduct their own meetings, learn about leadership and service, and participate in fun activities. The Grange is for everyone!

With a strong history in grassroots activism, family values, and community service, since 1867 the Grange has been America's premier nonprofit, nonpartisan, fraternal organization that advocates for rural America and agriculture and brings rural communities together.



ADVOCACY



Along with being a social and service organization, the Grange is the nation's oldest agriculture advocacy group. Being a Grange member opens the door to interact with legislators to advocate on behalf of rural America and agriculture. Local Granges hold regular meetings during which issues like rural broadband access, climate change, and rural healthcare are discussed. As the Grange is a grassroots organization, policy recommendations are adopted in local Granges, passed by State Granges, and moved to the National Grange who advocates for them in Washington, D.C. with Congress and other federal agencies.