



# MEET THE GRANGE

## ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & HOW YOU CAN JOIN

### **WHAT IS THE GRANGE?**

The Grange is a community-based national organization that provides members the opportunity to lead, the opportunity to learn, and the ability to make a difference through community service, grassroots legislative advocacy and educational programs.

### **HOW LONG HAS THE GRANGE BEEN AROUND?**

The National Grange was founded December 4, 1867 in Washington D.C.

Throughout its history, the Grange has played pivotal roles in National agricultural and rural policy, and is a leading voice for rural America.

### **WHO CAN BE IN GRANGE?**

Grange membership is open to anyone who seeks to develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood, is of good moral character and is looking to work to improve their community, state and nation. Membership at the Subordinate/Community Grange begins at age 13½ and there is no maximum age. A Junior Grange program is available for children age 5 to 14 (13 years & 6 months).

### **IS GRANGE A YOUTH PROGRAM ONLY?**

No. The Grange is a family organization with membership in the Community Grange beginning at age 13½ with no maximum age for membership. There are specific programs and contests at a national level for youth age 13½ to 35 and a Junior Grange program for children age 5 to 14. The Grange also sponsors a Youth Fair program that is on an equal standing with 4-H and FFA.

### **IS GRANGE PART OF 4H OR FFA?**

No. The Grange is a private, member-based organization supported entirely through members annual dues. 4-H and FFA are public programs administered through the federal government. Both 4-H and FFA were founded with the help of the Grange and Grange members.

### **IS GRANGE ONLY ABOUT AGRICULTURE EDUCATION?**

No. The Grange's roots are in agriculture and during the early years of the organization, being a farmer or part of a farm family was a requirement of membership. Today, the Grange supports agriculture education, but also keeps its finger on the pulse of a number of topics ranging from rural infrastructure to healthcare to taxation.

### **CONTACT YOUR LOCAL GRANGE:**