



# The Patrons Chain

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE

March 25, 2022

## **Regional Meetings are coming up soon!**

By [Betsy Huber](#), National Grange President

While Regional Meetings are still months away, it's time now to plan to attend the meeting in your region of the country. I encourage you to take that step, if you have never attended a regional, to get involved at the next level of Grange.

Regional meetings, usually referred to as leadership conferences, are NOT just for the people you may consider "leaders." Each of you is a leader in your Community Grange. We are working hard this year to make these conferences useful and educational to you as a local leader and consistent among the regions.

Membership, Communications, Youth and Junior Directors and ambassadors will be attending to conduct workshops to help you in whatever department you work in. There will also be general leadership workshops and, of course, lots of fun and fellowship too. This is your opportunity to get together with Grange friends or get to know new friends from other states. Grangers across the country face the same issues as you do, so it's great to just get together and share problems and solutions with those who understand.

Regions try hard to make these conferences affordable for members to attend. The facilities vary from region to region, but you can be sure all include good food, fun activities, and time to get together for sharing. Detailed information on registrations is in this issue, so make your plans now. Summer will be here before we know it!

## **Grange Month Events start soon!**

The graphic features a calendar for Grange Month 2022, Grange Spirit Week, from April 3 to April 9. Each day has a specific theme: April 3 (Grange Shirt Day), April 4 (Raised Right Here Day), April 5 (Grange Mentor Day), April 6 (Community Service Day), April 7 (Grange Contest Day), April 8 (Grange Friend Day), and April 9 (Grange Hall Day). The background shows a field of wheat under a blue sky with clouds. The Grange logo is in the top left, and the text 'RAISED RIGHT HERE' is in the top right. At the bottom, it says 'Share on Social Media with #grangemonth22'.

April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9
Grange Shirt Day	Raised Right Here Day	Grange Mentor Day	Community Service Day	Grange Contest Day	Grange Friend Day	Grange Hall Day

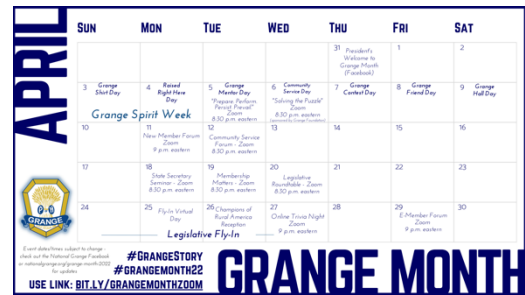
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During Grange Month, we encourage Grangers across the country to participate in spreading the word about Grange's advocacy for rural America, to participate in service projects, and to really take pride in being a Grange member!

This year, we are celebrating **Grange Spirit Week** April 3 - 9, with a different "challenge" each day. We strongly encourage your participation to help spread the Grange story... and there may be some surprises for Grange members who participate!

This year, we also have a whole slew of special events for you to tune into on Zoom! New Members and E-Members can check in with Membership Director Amanda Brozana Rios, Community Service Director Pete Pompper will be leading a Community Service Forum, Legislative Director Burton Eller will have a Legislative Roundtable, and so much more! Click the thumbnail of the calendar to get to the full-size version on the Grange Month 2022 page.

*\*Please note this schedule is subject to change\**



A thumbnail of a calendar for April 2022, titled 'GRANGE MONTH'. The calendar shows various events for each day, including 'Grange Spirit Week', 'Grange Fly-In', and 'Legislative Roundtable'. The Grange logo is visible in the top left corner of the calendar.

Check out everything we have ready for you for Grange Month – these materials can be used on social media, in your newsletters and local newspapers, as posters in your Hall or community, or more!

Visit the [Grange Month 2022 page here](#).

Questions about Grange Month? [Contact Philip Vonada](#), Communications Director

Join us on Zoom for this informational program

## Solving the Puzzle of Long-Term Care and Estate Planning


with John T. Griffin, Esq.

**April 6**

**8:30pm Eastern**

Open to ALL Grange Members

presented by



**Meeting ID:** 853 2615 8138

**Passcode:** 864678

**Or Dial In:** (301) 715-8592



## **Join us for the National Grange Legislative Fly-In – Register by April 1**



Join Brothers and Sisters from around the country in promoting Grange policy priorities and participating in advocacy training. Then, put your training to use as you present your community's concerns to elected officials and their staff.

The Fly-In is one of the greatest ways members can engage in Grange advocacy and remind legislators and regulators of the unique grassroots way in which our policy is developed. Participants will help to tell the story of an organization that is relevant, vibrant, and speaks from and for the heart of America.

**Registration is FREE and due by April 1 at <http://bit.ly/flyin2022>**

### **Sunday, April 24**

Welcome reception at the hotel

### **\*Monday, April 25**

Overview of Washington, Congress and Federal Agencies  
How to best work with elected officials and staff  
Issue briefings  
Speakers from the Hill, government agencies, private industry and think tanks

\*Monday's events will be able to be accessed virtually!

### **Tuesday, April 26**

Capitol Hill appointments  
Champions of Rural America Awards Reception

### **Wednesday, April 27**

Complete Capitol Hill appointments

### **Hotel Information:**

Quality Inn Tysons Corner  
1587 Spring Hill Rd, Vienna, VA  
703-448-8020  
"National Grange" rate: \$79/night plus tax by April 1, 2022

More information on the Legislative Fly-In can be found here:  
<https://www.nationalgrange.org/national-grange-legislative-fly-in-2022/>





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## Save the Date

*Regional Leaders Conferences will be here soon!*

### Great Plains

June 10-12  
Manhattan, Kansas

### Midwest

June 24-26  
Muscatine, Iowa

### Eastern

Mid-Atlantic  
& Southeastern

June 17-19  
Washington, DC

### Western

August 5-7  
Eugene, Oregon

*For Grange members of all ages*

*Registration information for all conferences will  
be available on the National Grange website*



## Great Plains Conference

**June 10-12**

Manhattan, Kansas

Register by May 1

### *Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference*

**JUNE 10-12, 2022**

**MANHATTAN, KANSAS**

Plans are underway! More info to come soon!



Register online

at: <https://bit.ly/grangegreatplains2022>.

Please follow the Great Plains Regional Grange Conference page on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/greatplainsregional](http://www.facebook.com/greatplainsregional)) for updates and conference plans, schedules, and more!

Hotel: Four Points Sheraton - Manhattan,  
530 Richards Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502

Rate: \$99 Includes Breakfast

Call: 785-539-5311

Group Name/Code: **Regional Great Plains  
Conference or GPR**

## **Eastern Region Conference** (formerly Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern)

**June 17-19**

Washington, DC

Register by June 1



*Eastern Region Conference will also include Youth Contests for members from the Northeast – Northeast contestants should register at no cost.*

**Registration:** Register and reserve your hotel room by June 1

Register online here: <http://bit.ly/easternregional22>

**Hotel:** Quality Inn Tysons Corner  
1587 Spring Hill Rd. Vienna, VA 22182

(703) 344-8020

\$79/Night

Room Block Under **National Grange**

## **Midwest Regional Conference**

**June 24-26**

Muscatine, Iowa

Register by June 17

Follow Midwest Regional Leadership Conference on Facebook for schedules and more.

(<https://www.facebook.com/Midwest-Grange-Leadership-Conference-981890435318301>)

RSVP to Samantha Hanson



### **Midwest Regional Leaders Conference**

**When:** June 24-26, 2022

**Where:** Spring Valley Bible Camp  
2858 180th St,  
Muscatine, IA 52761

(3 miles north of Muscatine, Iowa, between Highways 38 and 61 on 180th St. (County Hwy G14))

**Cost:** \$90

We will stay in the Valley Lodge Retreat Center.

Check out our accommodations!  
<https://www.springvalleycamp.org/>

#### **Includes:**

- ☐ Friday supper
- ☐ Saturday breakfast, lunch, & supper
- ☐ Sunday breakfast & "To-Go" lunch
- ☐ Lodge sleeping accommodations (each room has 6 bunk beds)

#### **Bring:**

- ☐ Silent Auction for a kid or adult
- ☐ Snacks to share
- ☐ Swimsuit (for potential swimming)
- ☐ Bedding items

**RSVP By June 17th** to Samantha Hanson 641-990-3055  
Send in your registration fee ASAP. Thank You!

## Western Regional Conference

August 5-7  
Eugene, Oregon  
*Save the Date!*

More information coming soon!

Follow on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Western-Regional-Grange-Leaders-Conference-1177810205591095>) to be among the first to know.

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# NATIONAL GRANGE



WHEREAS, The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America and passage of important legislation during three centuries; and

WHEREAS, The Grange of the 21st century continues to be an active force in thousands of neighborhoods across the country, creating connections between people, communities, and organizations even through periods of social unrest and disruption; and

WHEREAS, The Grange is committed to the development of the potential in families, children, youth and adults of all ages through dynamic programs and experiences that educate, engage and enrich lives; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process, cultivating connections between citizens and their government; and

WHEREAS, The Grange offers opportunities for civil discussions among people of all viewpoints and opinions, serving as a safe haven for exploring important social and legislative issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, The Grange strengthens hometowns through volunteerism, community support and legislative action, building up rural America for the benefit of all who live there; and

WHEREAS, The Grange motto “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity” has guided the Grange mission through advocacy, community service, and openness to all; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

THEREFORE I, Betsy E. Huber, President of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Grange Month; and further, I encourage the participation of each Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange past and future by planning and executing dynamic programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in every American community.

National President