

## STATE GRANGE



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## NEWS FROM STATE

### MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURE IN ACTION EXPO

Five months! That's how soon the First Massachusetts Agriculture in Action Expo will be here and we are going at light speed. We have begun a great partnership with MDAR and this will give us an awesome opportunity to reach more agriculture and environmental organizations so that this first year will go off with a bang! We will be having a table at the Farm Bureau annual meeting with the hopes of getting more organizations interested. This is shaping up to be an awesome event.

As mentioned at session, we will be looking for volunteers. We discussed at our monthly meeting the need for a couple more members of the committee. If you are interested in being an integral part of the MAAE, please e-mail Chris Szkutak. There will be plenty of opportunities for volunteers going forward, so there will be plenty of stuff to be involved in. Make sure you have updated your calendars. April 20, 2024. We will see you there!

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### Mission Statement:

The Massachusetts State Grange brings people together to build stronger communities by encouraging agriculture and environmental sustainability, community service and fostering future leaders.

## CHARLTON GRANGE PAST MASTERS

### 1875 thru 1933

W. Lewis Prindle  
Osgood Freeman  
Esther D. Moriarty  
Merton Hubbard  
Everett S. Adams  
Doris H. Adams  
Joanne V. Grniet  
Richard Bowers  
Lewis C. Prindle  
A.M. Dodge  
Carlos Bond  
Harris M. Dodge  
Chauncey W. Pike  
H. F. Clark  
George R. Taylor  
Henry H. Baker  
Edward M. Bowers  
Loren Stevens  
William Casey  
John G. Hammond  
Myron P. Baylies  
Ernest Rich  
Rosa E. Bowers  
Joseph Carrington  
William E. Taft  
Albert Freeman  
Rufus Brown

Walter Bates 1934  
Cyrus Bond 1935  
Herbert Gale 1936-38  
Raymond Davidson 1939-40  
Lincoln Adams 1941-42  
Rodney Fiske 1943-44  
Marion Martel 1945  
Rodney Fiske 1946  
Edith Hammond 1947-49  
A. Warren Carpenter 1950-52  
Mathilda Sheridan 1953  
Florence Carpenter 1954  
E. Dorothy Smith 1955-56  
William Walker Sr. 1957-58  
John Wright 1959  
L.F. McCloud Sr. 1960-66  
Lester V. Stanley 1967-68  
Raymond Davidson 1969-86  
William Walker Sr. 1987  
Ruth Davidson 1988-91  
Gertrude Lacey 1992  
Raymond Gilbert 1993  
Mildred Gray 1994-97  
George Tucker 1998-2005  
Norma Bouchard 2006-09  
Barbara Zajac 2010-11  
Rhoda Taylor 2012-13  
★ Roland Parent 2014-21



★ living Past Master

## CHARLTON GRANGE OFFICERS 2023-2024

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Matt Carlson 774-200-6754

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Joseph Gaucher 774-239-1604

### Ceres

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### Pomona

Melissa Borgeson 508-248-1002

### Flora

Brodi Willard 402-699-9448

### Musician

Evelyn Sellig 774-200-1694



## CHARLTON GRANGE #92

THE ORDER OF PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

CHARTERED APRIL 6TH, 1875

# JANUARY 2024 COMMUNICATION

Monthly Business Meeting  
First Tuesday of Each Month

A MEMBER OF

SUNRISE POMONA GRANGE #9

MASSACHUSETTS STATE GRANGE



## GRANGE HAPPENINGS

### GRANGE MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday January 2nd, 2024 at 6:30PM

Following the business meeting, the Charlton Grange Lecturer is organizing a short "Round Table" program on backyard chickens in the area. There will be great discussion from Grange members that currently raise chickens, along with lessons learned and pros & cons. An Obligation Ceremony previously scheduled for two new members will take place next month instead.

**A light collation will follow the meeting**

### GRANGES SPONSOR BSA MERIT BADGES

Charlton Grange #92 in coordination with Holden Grange #78 sponsored a two-day BSA Merit Badge Clinic for the members of Charlton Troop 165 and Rutland Troop 141 on Wednesday December 27th and Saturday December 30th.

Included merit badges were Animal Science, Farm Mechanics, and Welding. Classroom instruction took place at the Charlton Grange in the first session on Wednesday evening. Scouts finished the hands-on portion of the merit badges with an experience at the Jordan Dairy Farm in Rutland the following Saturday.

### MEMBERS ATTEND STATE GRANGE GALA

Charlton Grange had a great turnout for the Massachusetts State Grange 150th Anniversary Gala at the Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge on Saturday December 2nd. We had ten members and two guests attend. Our very own President Eric Borgeson gave a wonderful speech expressing thanks for the Grange Grants that the Charlton Grange has received this year.

## GRANGE PHOTOS



Grange members at the Mass. State Grange 150th Gala



Boy Scouts learning how to change the oil on a tractor.



Charlton Grange as it appeared in 1897

## A LITTLE GRANGE HISTORY

### A NEW GRANGE HALL

#### Dedication Ceremony in Charlton

At the dedication of the new grange hall in Charlton, August 19th, a larger number of people were assembled than have gathered for many years in that old town, which stands today typical of early New England. The little village called "the town" sits primly on the hill top where the great, white houses and old-fashioned churches indicate the "old school" of architecture as truly as the inhabitants possess the refinements and culture of an earlier school. than evinced in the nearby manufacturing villages.

The only place of meeting formerly has been an ill-appointed hall under one of the churches; the grange, therefore, decided to form a stock company and build a hall for its own use.

Invitations to the formal dedication of the building were sent out by the committee of arrangements, L.C. Prindle, Everett Hill and Rev. Costello Weston. Patrons responded from fifteen neighboring granges and during the day 500 people were present, filling the hall to overflowing. After a few words of welcome by Master Arthur M. Dodge, the keys were delivered by H.H. Baker, architect and builder, to State Master N.B. Douglas, who congratulated the Charlton grange on owning a home.

*The Charlton Grange was formally dedicated on August 19th, 1891 and this excerpt from a longer article appeared in the New England Farmer on August 29th, 1891.*

## POSITION OF THE MONTH

### What is the role of the Grange Lecturer?

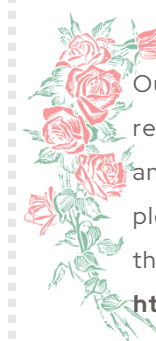
- The Grange Lecturer is responsible for planning and presenting educational and entertaining programs during Grange meetings.
- Preside in the absence of the President and Vice President.
- Perform such other duties as may be required by the ritual or action of the Grange.

## NECROLOGY

### Past Master Gertrude E. (King) Lacey

Gertrude E. (King) Lacey, 93, died peacefully at home in Douglas surrounded by family on October 28, 2020. She was born February 16, 1927 in Sutton, MA. The Grange was a large part of Gert's life, joining in 1944, she served in the Sutton, Charlton, Uxbridge Subordinates, Pomona, and State Granges in many capacities including Master, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Pomona, Executive Committee and Veterans Committee.

## NOTE FROM THE FLORA



Our Grange Flora Brodi Willard would like to remind everyone if they would like a card of any type sent out on behalf of the Grange please let her know OR submit a request through the following link:

<https://forms.gle/NVqDHW6qUgdS7yh17>

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMETHING INCLUDED IN THE NEXT COMMUNICATION

PLEASE EMAIL ERIC WILLARD AT ERWILLARD@GMAIL.COM