

Stetson, Maine 04488
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Dear Fellow Grangers;

For some time I have been waiting with the hope that our several visits to the Hartland grange might bear fruit and that this letter being mailed at no small expense in time and money to your deputy to a selected list of your members might not be necessary.

For many years the Savage family has enjoyed visiting in your fine hall, We have witnessed good ritualistic work, been warmed by good grange family feeling, and felt pride in your displayed community spirit. We have seen and felt the results of your labors. We knew then you realized the need for and the purpose of the grange in your community, the state, and the nation. We believe that you knew then that the work being done at all grange levels was for the benefit of the farmer and rural American, and thru them the nation and the world. We felt that you then appreciated the idea of family fun, family living, and family working -- of togetherness if you will. We knew that you then appreciated the value of work as a character builder, and enjoyed the feeling of accomplishment that goes with a job well done.

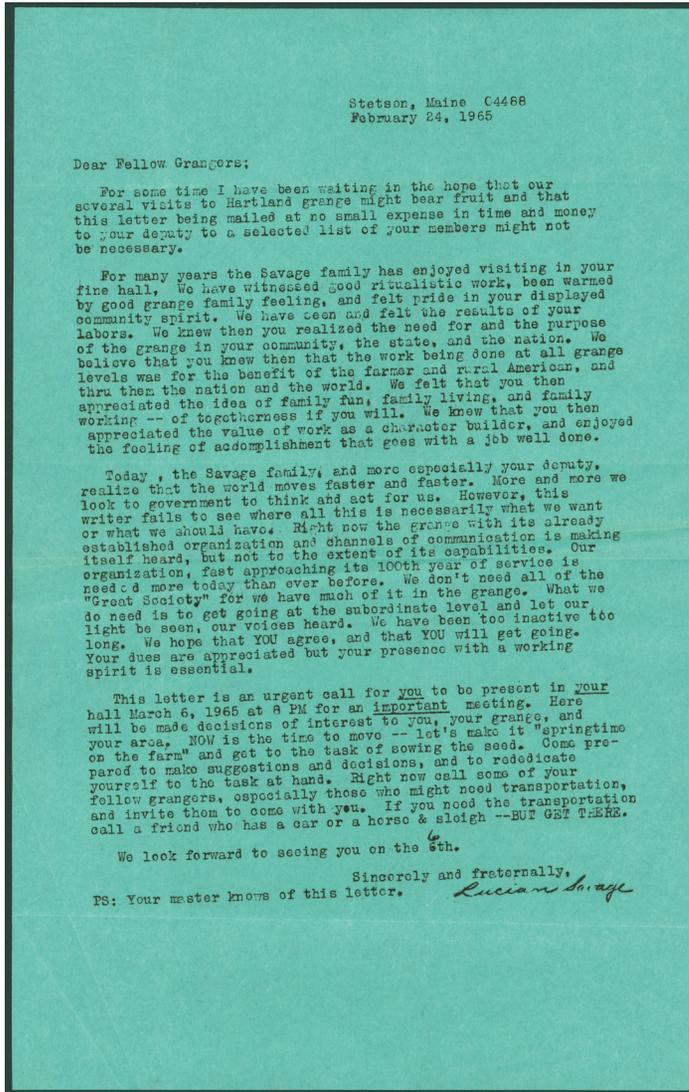
Today, the Savage family, and more especially your deputy, realize that the world moves faster and faster. More and more we look to government to think and act for us. However, this writer fails to see where all this is necessarily what we want or what we should have. Right now the grange with its already established organization and channels of communication is making itself heard, but not to the extent of its capabilities. Our organization, fast approaching its 100th year of service is needed more today than ever before. We don't need all of the "Great Society" for we have much of it in the grange. What we do need is to get going at the subordinate level and let our light be seen, our voices heard. We have been too inactive too long. We hope that YOU agree, and that YOU will get going. Your dues are appreciated but your presence with a working spirit is essential.

This letter is an urgent call for you to be present in your hall March 6, 1965 at 8 PM for an important meeting. Here will be made decisions of interest to you, your grange, and your area. NOW is the time to move -- let's make it "springtime on the farm" and get to the task of sowing the seed. Come prepared to make suggestions and decisions, and to rededicate yourself to the task at hand. Right now call some of your fellow grangers, especially those who may need transportation, and invite them to come with you. If you need the transportation call a friend who has a car or a horse & sleigh -- BUT GET THERE.

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We look forward to seeing you on the 6th.

Sincerely and fraternally,
PS: Your master knows of this letter. Lucian Savage



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