



Several of you have asked me for a translation of the court order I sent around earlier today. Here goes my best attempt to translate legalese into English:

McFarland moved to dismiss the request of Plaintiffs-in-Intervention the California State Grange and Ed Kowski, that the court issue a declaration of the rights and duties of the parties with respect to possession and control of the California State Grange and Grange property. Because the McFarland group continues to retain possession of the California State Grange's property and corporate entities in violation of Grange rules, a declaration of those rights and duties is necessary. McFarland argued that the court could not provide such a declaration because the Plaintiffs-in-Intervention also asked for the recovery of money damages for the significant harm caused by McFarland and his followers in refusing to follow the Grange rules governing the California State Grange and to which they agreed to be bound when they joined the Grange and again each time they were installed into office. The court rejected McFarland's argument in its entirety, noting that Plaintiffs-in-Intervention may obtain a declaration and also recover monetary damages from **individuals personally** if they prevail at summary judgment or at trial: "If successful, Intervenors will obtain compensation for the alleged losses already caused by Defendants' acts and will also obtain a declaration setting forth the rights and duties of the parties going forward thereby preventing future damage." McFarland must now respond to the complaint filed by the Plaintiffs-in-Intervention.

Fraternally yours,



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