



Brothers and Sisters,

It has come to my attention that the McFarland Group (misleadingly calling themselves "CSG") has sent "Statements" to some Granges requesting payment of "Grange Dues." The McFarland Group is NOT affiliated with The Grange. The federal court has ruled that the McFarland Group may not use the name "Grange" (a ruling being violated by these "Statements") and the state court has ruled that it cannot hold Grange property. No Subordinate Grange owes ANY dues to the McFarland Group. These "Statements" are an attempt by the McFarland Group to mislead Community Granges into paying the McFarland Group under the belief that such payments are required under the rules of The Grange. They are not. Payment to the McFarland Group does NOT satisfy a Grange's dues obligation. Please disregard these "Statements."

If you have any questions about the dues that your Grange owes, please feel free to call or e-mail me. As a reminder, the California State Grange has an amnesty program in place for those Community Granges that have paid dues to the McFarland Group in the past. This program will be open for a limited time. If you would like more information, please contact me.

Fraternally yours,

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