



Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to follow up with you about Fairfax Grange, the Subordinate Grange harassed by the McFarland Group last month. As you will recall, representatives of Mr. McFarland showed up, tried to get the Master of the Fairfax Grange to sign a lease to her Grange Hall under false pretenses, and ultimately changed the locks to the Hall without even notifying the Master. Fortunately, the new locks were noted in time for them to be changed back. However, the McFarland Group did not stop there. Apparently, it sent a false statement to the California Secretary of State listing Mr. McFarland as the agent of service for the Fairfax Grange (see below). This was spotted recently, and we are working with the Fairfax Grange to correct the Secretary of State's records to make sure that the proper owner is noted. We are also in touch with the authorities to explore other avenues to address the McFarland Group's actions. They are reprehensible, and un-Grangerly in every sense.

I will repeat again what the courts have ruled: the McFarland Group is not a Grange. It is not part of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. Please disregard all demands from Mr. McFarland that your Grange do something to comply with its Grange obligations. If you receive an invoice for "Grange dues" from the McFarland Group, do not pay them. Paying those dues to the McFarland Group will not satisfy your Grange's obligations as a division of the Order. If the McFarland Group threatens you or your Grange's property, do not give in. The McFarland Group has no authority over any Subordinate or Pomona Grange. Even if the McFarland Group takes steps to steal your Grange's property, as it did with the Fairfax Grange, do not despair. You have recourse. The California State Grange can help. You can contact me any time and I will do everything I can to help.

Unfortunately, I expect the McFarland Group to continue with despicable tactics like those used against the Fairfax Grange now that it has lost in the courts. Mr.

McFarland has pledged to pursue fruitless appeals in the hope that making both sides spend even more money on lawyers will cause the lawsuits to go away. But this will not work. Two different courts have spoken, and they have spoken emphatically: Grange rules have meaning and must be followed, and the McFarland Group is not a Grange and must return Grange property to the California State Grange. Those rulings are based on clear Grange rules and binding legal precedent in California, and we will see the appeals through to their ultimate, successful conclusion. Do not let Mr. McFarland persuade you otherwise. All that the McFarland Group's actions will accomplish from here on out is the further waste of Grange assets accumulated through the hard work of generations of Grangers over the past 140 years. It is senseless, but it is the path that Mr. McFarland has chosen, now that he knows he has lost in the courts on the merits.

Despite all this, I remain hopeful for the future of the Grange and look forward to healing the divisions in our membership. As a reminder, the California State Grange has an amnesty program in place for Subordinate Granges that have paid dues to the McFarland Group in the past. If you think your Grange may benefit from the program, please contact me.

Fraternally yours,

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Entity Name:	FAIRFAX GRANGE NO. 570
Entity Number:	C0192145
Date Filed:	03/10/1943
Status:	SOS/FTB SUSPENDED
Jurisdiction:	CALIFORNIA
Entity Address:	4 FAIRFAX RD.
Entity City, State, Zip:	BAKERSFIELD CA 93307
Agent for Service of Process:	FRANCES HEIN
Agent Address:	6302 BROADMOOR CT.
Agent City, State, Zip:	BAKERSFIELD CA 93306

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Entity Address:	3830 U STREET
Entity City, State, Zip:	SACRAMENTO CA 95817
Agent for Service of Process:	BOB MCFARLAND
Agent Address:	3830 U STREET
Agent City, State, Zip:	SACRAMENTO CA 95817

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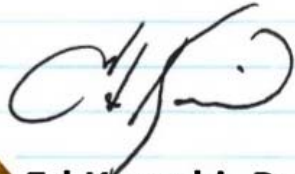
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