



## **Fowler Grange Hall**

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Last Thursday, I received a call from Dennis Judd, Master of the Clovis Sander Fowler Grange # 842 (Fresno County).

Mr. Judd had spoken with a neighboring Grange member about the Bakersfield Grange email that I sent out and that member suggested that Mr. Judd contact me about the recent developments with Fowler Grange's Hall.

Well, Mr. Judd reported to me that Mr. McFarland had given permission to the him to sell Fowler Grange's Hall. Based on this response from Mr. McFarland, on September 11, the Fowler Grange Hall was sold. When Mr. Judd later realized that Mr. McFarland lacked authority to approve the sale, he contacted me.

The continued confusion amongst Grange members caused by Mr. McFarland's actions and statements remains immensely disappointing to all of us. Nevertheless, I want to do everything possible to make sure that all Grange members in California understand some fundamental facts: the McFarland Group is not a Grange, it is not part of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, and Mr. McFarland has no authority over Grange property. He cannot suspend or revoke any Grange's Charter, and he cannot authorize or approve the sale of any Grange property. When Mr. McFarland and others speak about property, including the sale, rental, encumbrance, or control of Grange property, do not listen to him. The requirements applicable to Grange property are contained in the National Digest, and the California State Grange Constitution and By-Laws. If you have any questions, you can contact me or any of the other officers of the California State

Grange to get the appropriate answers, direction, and authorization. Please be aware that the sale or encumbrance of your Grange's Hall or other property without the authorization required in the Digest and California Constitution and By-Laws may place your Grange's Charter in jeopardy. Nobody wants to see that happen, least of all me. So if you have any questions about or plans to sell your Grange's property in the future, please keep the following facts in mind:

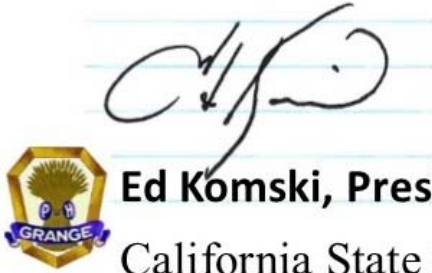
- Mr. McFarland has not been a representative or officer of the Grange at any level since August of 2012.
- The McFarland Group is NOT a Grange and is NOT part of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.
- The ONLY representatives of the California State Grange can be viewed [Here](#)
- All property sales and or encumbrances by any Grange must have been approved by either the National Grange (8-2012 thru July 2014) or by the California State Grange (since July 2014). If you believe your Grange has sold or encumbered any property without the required authorizations since 2012, please contact me immediately so we can work to rectify the problem.
- The National Digest and the Constitution and By-Laws of the California State Grange apply to all Granges and their members per the rulings of the federal and California state courts.
- ANY Grange in violation of the rules and laws of the Order faces the possibility of suspension or revocation of its Charter. Nobody wants this.
- Neither the California State Grange nor the National Grange own your Grange's property, but you must abide by the California State Grange Constitution and By-Laws and the National Digest of Laws per your Charter. There are specific processes in place under those rules that are there for extremely good reasons. Please understand and follow them.

## **Fairfax Grange Hall**

You have seen the Secretary of State filing that Mr. McFarland made as part of his attempt to steal the property of the Fairfax Grange in Bakersfield. So that you understand the deceptive tactics that the McFarland Group is using now that it has

lost in the courts, I thought it appropriate for you also see the suspension letter, Business Card and the Lease agreement presented to the Master of Fairfax Grange by Mr. McFarland's representatives, Bob and Nancy Alvarez. Please note that the Alvarez's hold NO position within the California State Grange, and are NOT authorized to act or speak on its behalf. Again, if you have any question about who is entitled to represent the California State Grange, you can find a list of the California State Grange's officers [Here](#).

[Click Here to view: Suspension Letter, Alvarez Business Card and Lease](#)



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