



Brothers and Sisters:

Information regarding the California State Grange's amnesty/reinstatement program is available to Granges that have paid their dues to the McFarland Group in the past. We are doing everything possible to ensure that the California State Grange provides Subordinate Granges with every opportunity to secure the participation of its youth Fair Participants in the Fairs throughout the State. We want without question to support and encourage every Grange's youth participation. As you know, the youth are closely supervised and taught to follow the rules. As I am sure you can understand, it is a totally inappropriate message to send to the youth that the basic principal of actually being a member of the organization you represent does not need to be followed. Furthermore, as Subordinate Granges NOT in Good Standing have provided neither dues nor membership information to the California State Grange (as required under Grange rules), we do not know who the individual members of Granges not in good standing are and so we cannot properly verify participation.

The youth always have the ability to show as independent participants.

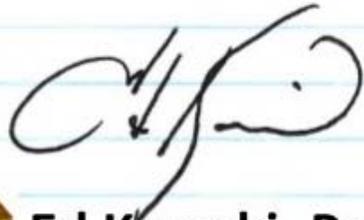
This decision is solely your Grange's to make. Your Grange has every opportunity to do what is necessary to allow its youth to show as Grange members. But ignoring the amnesty/reinstatement program completely will not get you there. That program was designed not to go back and recover funds but solely to allow members to pay their dues for the current quarter and be returned to good standing immediately. There is no financial hardship in this, as the dues should have been collected 6 months prior to a Fair and been held by the Treasurer. As

you very well know, a Grange must be in good standing to receive Grange benefits and the Youth Fair Program is one of those benefits.

Unfortunately, I need to remind members that in no way can any participant that shows as an independent wear the Grange Uniform, display the Grange Mark, or register, sell, correspond, or represent any involvement in the Grange Fair Program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Fraternally yours,



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