



Legal Update -

Today the National Grange filed a motion for contempt against the California State Guild (aka the McFarland Group) for its ongoing violations of the trademark judgment entered by the federal court on September 30, 2015.

As set forth in the attached motion, the Guild's alleged actions include, among other things:

- Continued registration of the corporation under the Guild's control with the California Secretary of State under the name "California State Grange."
- Continued registration of eleven Fictitious Business Names in the name of "California State Grange" with Sacramento County.
- Soliciting dues using the name "Grange," collecting checks addressed to the "California State Grange," and endorsing checks using this name.
- Distribution of direct mail to members of the California State Grange purportedly on behalf of the "California State Grange" and falsely identifying Robert McFarland as the President of the California State Grange.
- Continued use of the names "Grange" and "California State Grange" on the Guild's Facebook page.
- Continued use of the name "California Grange Foundation."

- Continued use of the name “California State Grange” in business directory listings.

I encourage you to read the entire motion, as well as the supporting documents. As I have said before, the courts have spoken on this dispute, and the Guild is not a Grange. It is not a part of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. It has no authority over any Grange. To the extent the Guild's actions since the entry of the trademark judgment led anybody to think otherwise, this motion will help to correct that.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.
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