



NATIONAL GRANGE

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Dear California Grangers,

I have received many, many personal emails from Grangers over the past four weeks and I'm so sorry I have not been able to answer every one individually. The work load in this new job has been overwhelming and, while the California situation is vitally important to me, other duties are also important and have been demanding my time.

I know the Grange means a lot to you; I can tell from the passionate messages I have received. I know this is an emotional issue and I appreciate the pain it has caused all of us. I care deeply about all of our Grange members, but I care even more about our 148 year old organization. Its bylaws and procedures have stood the test of time, and I respect them.

I regret that the disagreements between the National Grange leadership and the former California State Grange leadership have caused so much pain and confusion for local Granges and members in California. I am trying to clear up the confusion and misinformation that continues.

Both legal cases-the State case against the former CA leadership and the Federal trademark infringement case-have been decided in favor of the National Grange. The likelihood of any appeals changing that fact is remote. The chartered California State Grange with Master Ed Kowski is the official, recognized State Grange in CA. There will be no negotiation or mediation on that fact. Community Granges that wish to continue to be a Grange need to take advantage of the financial benefit that the reconciliation plan offers and return to the umbrella of the Grange organization.

The National Grange has no authority to take over any Grange halls in CA or revoke any charters. The authority to oversee Community Granges is delegated to the State Grange under our bylaws. I'm sure Ed Kowski would agree with me that we do not want Grange buildings-we want vibrant, active groups of Grangers continuing to serve their communities. We want brothers and sisters working together across your state, not always agreeing on policies, but discussing and finding consensus by majority rule. There cannot be two State Granges in CA. Those who wish to be Grangers need to make the decision to return to good standing with the chartered CA State Grange.

I sincerely hope the new year will see a unified, animated, energetic, vital group of Grangers working for the betterment of all citizens of California and the U.S. May you all enjoy happy holidays with your families and friends.

Fraternally,

Betsy E. Huber, President
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Brothers & Sisters

If I can answer any questions at all please contact me:



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