



Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Dedicated Members for Change

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Dear Dedicated Members for Change,

This e-mail constitutes the "official" launch of this new alliance. Dedicated Members for Change (DMC) is not meant to be an exclusive group - rather, the intent is to be inclusive. The criteria for inclusion in this group is simple: Odd Fellows who are dedicated to the Order and are willing to discuss, explore and implement changes to bring this fraternity into the 21st Century and to retain and increase membership.

Last week I said that the e-mail list would be open to all unless you requested (by last Sunday) that your name be removed. I am delighted to say that only one recipient asked to be removed (actually, it was the spouse who asked that the e-mail address be removed - the member and spouse shared one e-mail address). You will see that the membership of DMC constitutes a big tent.

But we want more members in this alliance. I would like to see 75-100 in this e-mail group going into the 2011 Grand Lodge. And that's something YOU can do. If you have a member of the Order who you believe should be added to this grouping, please contact that person, ask if they wish to be included, and if so, send me their name and e-mail address and they will be immediately added. Let's grow this list!

I hope we can have some interesting and lively discussions in the coming months, leading to the Grand Lodge. We'll also try to organize a breakfast or lunch for DMC during Grand Lodge. More information on that to follow. In the meantime, just to get the dialog going, I have attached five resolutions that will be presented to the Grand Lodge in May. I submitted these resolutions to my Lodge, they received unanimous support, and they are being submitted to Grand Lodge for consideration and, hopefully, adoption. There are things we can do right here in the jurisdiction of California that will result in the changes we need to grow this Order.

In friendship, love and truth,

Dave Rosenberg