



Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
Dedicated Members for Change

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Dear Dedicated Members for Change,

As most of you know, DMC started back in December of 2010 when Don Smith (Past Sovereign Grand Master and Past Grand Master of California), Rick Boyles (now Grand Master of California), and Dave Rosenberg (now Grand Warden of California) got together and decided to launch a group of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs who would focus on just three subjects: Membership, membership and membership. We named the group "Dedicated Members for Change" or "DMC" and we set up this e-mail matrix with about 15 charter members. The DMC list, since that time, has expanded dramatically, and continues to grow.

In 2013-14, Grand Master Rick Boyles has designated DMC as an official committee of the Grand Lodge of California. That, in and of itself, is a remarkable achievement.

Since 2010, we have e-mailed out well over 100 "DMC Newsletters". Most of those Newsletters were substantive articles that focused on the decline in our membership, but more importantly, focused on ways that members and Lodges could help grow membership in our Order. These DMC Newsletters have covered a vast array of topics including the need to evolve our Order to meet the needs of 21st Century folks. The Newsletters, frankly, contain important and useful information, not only from an historical perspective, but in a practical vein.

Because we didn't want DMC Newsletters to be merely transitory, we have found a way to preserve them for you and for posterity.

And so, I am very pleased to announce that you will be able to find virtually all DMC Newsletters from 2010 to the present on one site. Please go to the Davis Lodge website at [www.davislodge.org](http://www.davislodge.org). When you are on that site's homepage, move your cursor to the words "ABOUT THE ODD FELLOWS" which you will find near the top of the page, and then click on "DEDICATED MEMBERS FOR CHANGE". The webmaster (Stewart Savage of Abaton Consulting) is slowly accumulating the articles and will post them for your information and/or to download. Currently, articles from August and July of 2013 are being posted, and then June and May of 2013, etc., until all are posted going back to 2010.

I trust this will be a useful resource for you and your Lodges. And feel free to share this information with others in the Order.



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