



Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
Dedicated Members for Change

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Dear Dedicated Members for Change,

It is with great pleasure that I forward to you the acceptance speech of our newly elected 2014-15 Sovereign Grand Master Of Odd Fellows, Jimmy Humphrey. Please click on the link, below, and spend a few minutes (the speech is less than 5 minutes in length) listening to our new SGM. His speech touches on a number of important subjects, but toward the end of his speech, SGM Humphrey talks about his "major emphasis" during his year - and that is "opening the doors of the Lodges to get into the community" because that is the way "the community can get into us." I am delighted to hear our SGM discuss this emphasis, because that is precisely what we have been talking about in DMC since 2010. In order for this fraternity to be viable, and to grow, and to bring in new members, we must open the doors and windows of our Lodges.

I got to know Brother Jimmy Humphrey last May when he visited California during our sessions. I found Jimmy to be a personable gentleman, an honest straight-shooter, a person who loves this fraternity, and a man committed to bringing our Order into the 21st Century. He understands the need to evolve and change so that we can continue to be viable to a new generation of members. He understands that we must reverse the trend of declining membership. And he has a vision of how to get there. We are all pulling for his success!

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