



Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Dedicated Members for Change

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Dear Dedicated Members for Change,

Having a healthy dialog in this e-mail matrix is a very good thing. It's beneficial to the Order to have such a good exchange of ideas.

But as we start this dialog and exchange, allow me to set down three important ground rules:

1. Keep the text of your e-mails short. We don't need to read long tomes. Remember, the Gettysburg Address was just a few words - yet had a great impact.
2. Keep the tone and content of your e-mails respectful. We want to make sure that we don't insult or impugn any person or any Lodge. It's fine to have strong feelings and serious suggestions about how we need to change the Order, but personal zings and personal grievances against individual members or Lodges steps over the line. Those matters should be handled within the Lodge, or if necessary, at Grand Lodge.
3. Let's be positive. We already know the negatives: Loss of membership, closing and consolidation of Lodges, etc. Let's focus on the solutions. And we welcome diverse suggestions on solutions.

Fraternally,

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