



Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Dedicated Members for Change

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Happy New Year! A DMC Message for a New Beginning.

The year 2013 is upon us, and we have many impending challenges and hopefully some pleasures coming up. We as an order should close the book on 2012 with an encouraging thought that while tremendous challenges were faced, we did in fact survive the year, as we have of course for many years before. We need to face each incoming year with a similar mindset. Let's try our best to see the value in each of our members and encourage all points of view even though they may be divergent to our own. It truly would be a boring group if we all thought alike or shared one attitude that eliminated anyone else from the equation. Just as we pass through another holiday season, let's remember that friendship, love and truth are the mastheads by which we survive, and hopefully can thrive in the coming years.

As in the past, we have many events coming in the new year. Even if you can't attend a specific event, please try and realize that others choose to do so, and be supportive of their choice. All of us don't agree on a certain path, some may feel slighted in one way or another, but let's keep our eyes on the prize, which is continued membership and sustainable growth. We encourage everyone to check the Grand Lodge Website for events coming up: the website address is <http://caioof.org>. Remember, the old axiom that many hands make light work, and perhaps we as a total unit can budge this boulder of declining membership with the lever of our merging hearts.

Lastly, both the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master would like to wish you all the most pleasant of holidays and continued happiness throughout the New Year. Let's make sure that happiness and joy accompany us in all our future endeavors.

In Friendship, Love and Truth, Rod Metoyer and Rick Boyles