



Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
Dedicated Members for Change

April 11, 2013

Dear Dedicated Members for Change,

Earlier this evening, I was thumbing through a wonderful book entitled "The History of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the City of San Francisco" published by Brother Peter Sellars in 2007, and I came across the following bit of information, found at page 13: In 1928, the number of Odd Fellows in the City of San Francisco numbered 5,431. That fact took my breath away because today, IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, the number of Odd Fellows is less than 5,000. If that fact doesn't generate a renewed vigor to turn this Battleship of Odd Fellowship around, I don't know what will.

Some of our more conservative members cluck with disdain at those Lodges that try to reinvigorate themselves by opening their Lodges up with social meetings and events, by being active in the community, by doing good charitable works, and by enjoying the social aspects of good fellowship. But those are the very things that made Odd Fellowship grow in the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries. Looking again at Peter Sellars' fine book, I quote from page 73 which focuses on happenings in the last Century at the great Odd Fellows Building that once stood at Seventh and Market Streets in San Francisco:

"Many significant events - literally hundreds - which were reported in every local newspaper, took place at the Odd Fellows Building and in the city of San Francisco. There were weekly dances, plays, skits, and theater-types of entertainment at the Odd Fellows Building. Outside organizations also used available spaces for events. In most cases, these events were opened to everyone - members and nonmembers alike."

To re-charge, re-invigorate, re-new, and re-invent this Order, we need to take a page from our past - we need to go back to the future, if you will - and employ the formula of success that started at the Seven Stars Tavern, that traveled through Baltimore, and that ultimately led through San Francisco to California. We, in California, can show the way to revive this Order.

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Dave Rosenberg

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AND DON'T FORGET THE DMC ANNUAL DINNER

The Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento is the location for this year's Grand Lodge Sessions. As you know, we are holding our third annual Dedicated Members for Change Dinner at the



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Doubletree Hotel this year on Thursday, May 16. The Hotel has given me the location for the dinner, so please note: The DMC Dinner will be located in Salon 2 and Salon 3 of the California Ballroom.

And please join me in thanking the Lodges and DMC Members who have contributed their funds to subsidize the annual DMC Dinner. These donations are a great gift to members who wish to attend the dinner. Normally, the full course buffet dinner (plus the entertainment) would cost each attendee over \$60. However, as a result of the generosity of these Lodges and DMC Members, we are able to keep the cost of attendance down to just \$25 per person (at least for the first 100 who reserve). THANK YOU to our donors: Davis Lodge #169, Yerba Buena Lodge #15, Los Angeles Lodge #35, Rod Metoyer, Rick Boyles, Wayne Roberts, Peter Sellars, Jerry Worth, and Dave Rosenberg. We have received and have pledges over \$2,500 in donations at this point. We certainly invite any other Lodges and DMC Members who wish to make a contribution to subsidize costs of the dinner to send your check (payable to Dave Rosenberg) to the address listed below. Your donation will be very much appreciated!

A quick reminder that our annual DMC Dinner is coming up in just five weeks, and now is the time to reserve your seat(s) at a special discounted price. As of today's mail, we have received 70 paid reservations. So seats are going really fast! Plan to RSVP and to come by for some relaxation and social time, a great buffet dinner, and some live entertainment. This will be the event you want to attend on Thursday evening, May 16, at Grand Lodge Sessions! The evening will start with no-host cocktails and libations from 5 to 6 p.m., then a buffet dinner from 6 to 7 p.m., and then a few short speeches and live entertainment to round out the evening.

The buffet dinner menu is outstanding:

Romaine & Spinach with Red Onion, Mushrooms, Fried Prosciutto and Goat Cheese  
Arugula Salad with Fresh Strawberries, Candied Walnuts, Gorgonzola and Walnut Vinaigrette  
Dungeness Crab and Bay Shrimp Penne Pasta Salad  
Israeli Cous Cous Salad with Feta Cheese, Dried Fruits, Fresh Herbs and Olive Oil  
Pan Seared BBQ Free Range Chicken with Peach Compote & Candied Pecans and Glazed Sweet Potatoes  
Soy Ginger Flank Steak with Teriyaki Sauce and Crispy Fried Onions  
Lemon Pepper Grilled Tilapia with Caper Sauce and Lemon  
Basmati Rice with Fresh Dill, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Artisan Rolls and Sweet Cream Butter  
Blueberry Cheesecake and Luscious Lemon Bars

This event is open to members of the Order and their guests. Because of generous donations



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from members of the Order and Lodges, we are able to subsidize the cost of this event for the first 100 who RSVP's. For those first 100 RSVP's, the cost is a remarkable and reasonable \$25 per person (please note that the hotel is charging us \$54 for just the dinner alone - so this is a huge bargain for those first 100). And on top of that, we will feature live entertainment at the event - a cabaret-style performance by "Frankie and the Fabletones" performing music you enjoy from the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's and 1970's. They put on a great show for the eyes and the ears.

RSVP and send your checks in now. Checks should be made payable to "Dave Rosenberg" and the memo line of the check should read: "DMC Dinner". Please also include a list of the names of the members of your party. Mail your check to:

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We expect a great turnout at this annual dinner, including Grand Master Rod Metoyer and Deputy Grand Master Rick Boyles, as well as many leaders in our Order.