



Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Dedicated Members for Change

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Dear Dedicated Members for Change,

The link below continues the series of articles about the decline in the membership of fraternal orders. This decline affects all fraternal orders - it's not isolated to IOOF. The decline has reduced membership in the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Moose, the Elks, etc. And its widespread throughout the United States. Where membership in these fraternal orders - including IOOF - once numbered in the millions, they now find themselves numbering a fraction of that. Below is an interesting article from Lawrence, Kansas.

Bottom line: Unless we evolve to the times in which we live, we will not attract the young men and women of the 21st Century, and we will continue to diminish in numbers and lodges. Those men and women of the 21st Century want to be involved in active support of their communities, and they want a Lodge that offers them the good fellowship of an active social structure.

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<http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2010/jan/10/fraternal-reorder/>