



Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
Dedicated Members for Change

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Dear Dedicated Members for Change,

Membership, membership, membership. As you know, that is the focus of DMC.

And in this regard, I am delighted to submit to you and your Lodges the article, below, by Membership Chairman and Grand Instructor Peter Sellars. Please read the article. It lays out a great new program that will assist your Lodge in membership development. This program is completely flexible and will meet your Lodge's unique needs. And submit your proposals!

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Take Advantage of the Membership Grant!

By Peter V. Sellars, Membership Chairman

Brothers and sisters, I am not sure if I have ever seen a Grand Lodge so committed with encouraging its lodges to grow.

At our 2013 session, the Grand Body approved a resolution, which was presented by brother Randy Krassow of Santa Cruz Lodge #96, allowing the Membership Committee to award up to a \$1,000.00 to lodges who hold events designed to attract new applicants.

This move was proposed strictly to urge lodges to participate and conduct events within their respective communities. It was seen as another way for our Grand Lodge to assist in the only way it could, with regard to expanding membership.

It is up to the lodges and the members of these lodges to seek new members. It is up to the lodge to conduct events which blend Odd Fellowship into the community. Lodges should be community focused and reach out to everyone. For the past two years, this has been the message of our Sovereign Grand Lodge. Now, it is the message of the Grand Lodge of California.

Your Membership Committee is determined to assist you with your event. Your event should be designed to attract members. The ideas are endless. To apply for the Grant of up to \$1000.00,



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send us a proposal detailing the event, the estimated cost(s), the date(s), and the Membership Committee will evaluate and make a determination.

Our Grand Master Rick Boyles, who is one of the founders of the Dedicated Members for Change, a group of members committed to attracting new members, at the same time preserving our Ritual, but looking for allowable and needed changes to our codes, is fully supporting the Grant Project. We want to promote Odd Fellowship in any way possible.

For additional ideas on Membership, in conjunction with the Grant Program, the Officers and Members Educational Seminar will be taking place at Santa Nella on January 25& 26, 2014. This has been one of the most successful programs for all members for many years.

Send all grant proposals to the Grand Lodge office and attention the Membership Chairman.  
Good-luck!