



Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Dedicated Members for Change

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One of our DMC members - Ron Carrey, from California Lodge #1 - forwarded this information to me for our newsletter. I am happy to send it on to the DMC group. It's very interesting and revealing.

The information comes from an article which appeared in "The Fraternal Times" and was based on a survey conducted on a number of existing Lodges and Fraternal Organizations. I'm not sure the year this survey was conducted, but it doesn't really matter. The results are as relevant today as they were when the survey was taken.

Here's what The Fraternal Times survey said:

THESE ARE THE THINGS PEOPLE **WANT** IN AN ORGANIZATION THEY WOULD LIKE TO JOIN:

- TO FIGHT DISEASE
- TO FIGHT HUNGER
- TO FIGHT POVERTY
- TO WORK ON THE ENVIRONMENT
- TO GO ON CHARITY WALKS
- TO HELP HUMANITY
- TO WORK WITH EQUALITY
- TO HAVE FUN
- TO HAVE FAMILY EVENTS
- TO WORK ON EDUCATION
- TO WORK IN THE COMMUNITY.

THESE ARE THINGS PEOPLE **DON'T WANT** IN AN ORGANIZATION THEY WOULD LIKE TO JOIN:

- STATUS QUO ORGANIZATIONS
- BORING ROUTINES
- MEMORY WORK
- TOO MUCH DEATH
- DISCRIMINATION



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- INEQUALITY
- CLIQUES
- CLOSED MIND SETS
- OUT DATED VALUES

Frankly, the results don't surprise me at all. Do they surprise you? Does YOUR Lodge reflect the items in the "want" category" or the "don't want" category?

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