



Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Dedicated Members for Change

August 28, 2013

Dear Dedicated Members for Change,

"Communication" is a key element for a re-charged and re-energized Lodge. I believe you will find that all successful and growing Lodges have a good internal communication network.

The most common method of communication is the traditional "newsletter". Those Lodges that have a regular newsletter (at least monthly) find that it provides an important aspect of notice to the members, and also provides members a forum to recognize achievement, remember important dates, and communicate (perhaps even discuss) ideas. Most newsletters these days are hard-copy documents, but a few Lodges are moving toward electronic newsletters. The advantage of electronic newsletters is striking. In addition to saving costs of mailing, electronic newsletters are a method of instantaneous communication - in fact, they can be updated daily. An example of an effective electronic newsletter is my own Davis Lodge newsletter, maintained by our excellent webmaster Stewart Savage. This newsletter can be found at www.davislodge.org. Most of this e-newsletter is accessible to the public, but there is a member's only section that is restricted - and is only accessible via passwords.

Another method of communication is shown below. Grand Master Rick Boyles recently asked me to pass this calendar along to DMC members. The calendar is updated periodically, and is distributed via e-mail to all members of the Lodge and applicants for membership (we call them "Pledges") typically twice each month. This calendar keeps the Lodge posted on upcoming events, and serves as an important reminder and calendar prompt. Is this e-calendar concept something that might assist your Lodge?

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Dave Rosenberg

Dear Davis Lodge Members and Pledges,

Mark your calendars for some upcoming happenings, events and meetings at the Odd Fellows Lodge Hall (and otherwise) over the next few weeks.



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Wednesday, August 28, Canton Davis #7 meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. (note earlier start time) at the Lodge.

Wednesday, August 28, Fourth Wednesday meeting of the Odd Fellows Lodge, 6 p.m. social hour and 7 p.m. formal meeting and Initiation of New Members.

Thursday, August 29, Club Night at the Lodge, canceled for summer break.

Friday, August 30, 5 p.m. unveiling and dedication of the new Mural on the west wall of the Lodge. All invited to gather by the west wall, under the Mural.

Thursday, September 5, Thursday Live! at the Lodge, Upper Hall. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Bluegrass music, including the featured artist Rita Hosking!

Thursday, September 5, Club Night at the Lodge, canceled for summer break.

Sunday, September 8, Second Sunday Bingo at the Lodge. Doors open at noon and Bingo begins at 1 p.m. Win up to \$250 in a game.

Sunday, September 8, Music Committee "Opera in the Park" day trip to San Francisco. Contact Charles Filmer for details at clrfilmer@sbcglobal.net.

Thursday, September 12, Club Night at the Lodge is back, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, September 13, Second Friday Odd Poetry at the Lodge, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 13, Wine Club meets at the home of Dody and Landy Black, 934 Jordan Circle, Woodland. 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. Zinfandel is featured - bring a bottle to share. Please also bring an appetizer to share.

Saturday, September 14, Second Saturday meeting of the Odd Fellows Lodge, breakfast at 6:45 a.m. and meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 14, Second Saturday Davis Encampment #21 meeting, 11 a.m. at the Lodge.

Thursday, September 19, Club Night at the Lodge, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.



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Saturday, September 21, Davis Odd Fellows Associate Members of Volcano Lodge, travel to Volcano Lodge for annual historical meeting. Contact Dave Reed at dreedng@gmail.com.

Monday, September 23, Hall Board meeting at 5 p.m. in Conference Room.

Monday, September 23, Fourth Monday meeting of the Davis Rebekah Lodge, "social hour" at 6:30 p.m. and meeting begins at 7 p.m. Initiation tonight.

Wednesday, September 25, Canton Davis #7 meets tonight starting at 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25, Fourth Wednesday meeting of the Odd Fellows Lodge, 6 p.m. social hour and 7 p.m. meeting of the Lodge.

Thursday, September 26, Club Night at the Lodge, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 3, Club Night at the Lodge, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 3, Thursday Live! at the Lodge. Showtime is at 7:30 p.m. Details to follow.

Saturday, October 5, Annual OddtoberFest at the Lodge, 6 to 9 p.m. RSVP to Rene Liston at reneeliston@gmail.com.

Thursday, October 10, Club Night at the Lodge, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, October 11, Second Friday Odd Poetry at the Lodge, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 12, Second Saturday meeting of the Odd Fellows Lodge, breakfast at 6:45 a.m. and meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 12, Second Saturday Davis Encampment #21 meeting, 11 a.m. at the Lodge.

Sunday, October 13, Second Sunday Bingo at the Lodge. Doors open at 12 noon and Bingo begins at 1 p.m. Win up to \$250 in a game.

Thursday, October 17, Club Night at the Lodge, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, October 18, Wine Club meets at the home of Kerry Daane Loux. Details to follow.



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SAVE THE DATE - October 25, Annual Halloween Party at the Lodge.

SAVE THE DATE - December 14, Annual Breakfast with Santa at the Lodge.

SAVE THE DATE - January 11, Annual Davis Odd Fellows Lodge Installation and Awards Dinner at the Lodge.

SAVE THE DATE - January 18, Annual Grand Master's Grand Ball at the Lodge. (Note the new date of January 18, not January 25.)

SAVE THE DATE - January 25-26 Special two day membership meeting in Santa Nella, sponsored by Grand Lodge's Membership Committee.

SAVE THE DATE - February 8, Third Annual Davis Rebekah Lodge Crab Feed

SAVE THE DATE - April 24, Annual Taste of Davis at the Lodge.