



Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Dedicated Members for Change

December 1, 2013

Dear Dedicated Members for Change,

Can you believe it's already December? Where has the year gone?

Seems like when we were really young, time moved so slowly. And now, as age creeps up on us, time seems to move very fast. So, in this regard, I want to pass along to you an inspirational (perhaps, motivational) quote for the day. This inspirational thought was sent to me by PGM Gene Breeland. Here it is:

"You've been given the innate power to shape your life . . . but you cannot speak change, you have to LIVE change. Intent paired with action builds the bridge to success. You can't just want it; you have to do it, live it . . . BE it. Success isn't something you have, it's something you DO!"

From our perspective in DMC, these words ring absolutely true. "You cannot speak change, you have to LIVE change." For this Order to succeed, this Order must evolve. We ain't your grandfather's Lodge anymore. New members will not be attracted to a Lodge that does little more than hold ritual meetings. Those new members certainly won't stay with such a moribund Lodge. So, DMC urges Odd Fellows in the 21st Century to open the doors and windows of the Lodge to your community, reach out and be active in that community to support those in need and to improve your towns and neighborhoods. "Intent paired with action builds the bridge to success." When a Lodge is part of the community, you will find that community members want to be part of the Lodge. "Success isn't something you have, it's something you DO!"

There is a great and fun event coming up in just six weeks - and you and your wife, husband, girlfriend, boyfriend, significant other, and friends are cordially invited to attend!

The date is Saturday, January 18, 2014, the time is 6:31 p.m. (an odd time, of course), and the place is the Davis Odd Fellows Lodge. The event is the "Grand Master's Second Annual Grand Ball" - and this time it's a sock hop theme. So break out those Levi's and jeans, white socks and tennis shoes, sweatshirts, T-shirts, poodle skirts, leather jackets, etc. and come to the "hop". Dress is comfortable and casual. Please see the attached flier which gives you all the information, including the RSVP information. (Note the RSVP deadline of January 13.)

And don't worry if you are not in the dancing mood. There will be plenty of good 1960's and 1970's dance music for those who wish to dance, but "Frankie and the Fabletones" are a great show to watch and terrific entertainment, too. Chef Jeff Oblinger is preparing some heavy appetizers for us at the sock hop. All this for \$25 per person! Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, and their friends, from throughout California will be at the "hop." Be there, or be square.



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