

# *Grand Lodge of California*

## *Independent Order of Odd Fellows*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grand Lodge Sessions are coming up on May 11-14, 2016. I hope to see many of you there. As Grand Master, I will do my very best to make our sessions productive, comfortable and enjoyable.

From time to time I am asked about the attire at sessions. As you know, I like to try new things – so in the spirit of having a little fun and feeling comfortable, I want to set a theme for each day of sessions, as follows:

Wednesday, May 11. Opening Dinner. Ties for the gentlemen and evening attire for the ladies is appropriate. I expect we will see a few tuxedos and a few PM uniforms, as well.

Thursday, May 12. Opening Day of Sessions. Logo Day. I encourage members to wear shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets, etc., that display the logo of your Lodge, or Odd Fellowship, or any Branch of the Order. I hope to see many of our three-links in the room.

Friday, May 13. Second Day of Sessions. Hat Day. I recommend that members wear hats of your choice. You can wear the hat for 10-minutes, an hour, or all day if you wish. Everyone wearing a hat is encouraged to donate \$5 at the door when you enter sessions. The money will be counted, announced, and contributed to the Odd Fellows-Rebekahs Beneficial Fund.

Saturday, May 13. Final Day of Sessions. Tie and Scarf Day. Members are encouraged to wear ties and scarfs to our final day of sessions. Suits, sport jackets and slacks are recommended. This will carry over nicely to the Installation that evening.

Please note: None of the above is mandatory or required. It is in the nature of my suggestions to make the sessions a little more comfortable, friendly and fun.

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Dave Rosenberg  
Grand Master

## Success Stories Prove That We Can Thrive and Grow

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There are success stories out there in Odd Fellows Land.

There is a Lodge that gained 19 new members last year (while losing 5) - for a net gain of 14. This Lodge has experienced a 40% growth in its membership over the last 14 months. And the Lodge currently has 5 more applicants for membership this year. The Lodge has made this remarkable advancement due to strong leadership that understands that the successful Odd Fellows Lodge in the 21st Century must not only provide fun activities for the members, but must also reach out into its community to do good and rewarding work. This creates visibility for the Order in the community, and directly benefits the Lodge's future by exposing Odd Fellowship to a new generation of potential members.

There is another Lodge where membership had shrunk to under 15 (on the books) with only 6 or 7 attending meetings. This Lodge hadn't added a new member in over 5 years, and the youngest member was in his 70's. I visited this Lodge last year, gave them a heart-to-heart and honest talk and encouraged them to get involved in their town. I recently received a report that they had added two new members.

Yet another Lodge had reported to me that they have monthly social meetings with potlucks, trips to museums, and encourage members to be active in their community. They just completed a community spaghetti feed in cooperation with the Rotary and raised a large amount of money to combat polio. They also held a successful women's clothing swap. They have active programs for music, arts, improv, grief support, and film. They provide numerous high school scholarships. This Lodge is showing steady growth, including young new members. In the past year, this Lodge initiated 15 members, lost 3, for a net gain of 12.

A Lodge in the Gold Country just held an initiation bringing in 25 new members. I had visited this Lodge last Fall and we talked about the importance of community involvement and fun activities for the members - and they have dramatically increased their community involvement. The result is striking.

My own Lodge has had steady growth now for a full decade - showing a net gain of members every year. My Lodge now has 52 committees covering all sorts of fun activities for the members and active involvement in the community. These committees include adopt-a-highway, bowling, music and concerts, bingo, social services, good fellowship, golf, wine club, needlework, scholarship, OddtoberFest, and many others. This formula of fun activities and community involvement works.

When I hear stories like this, I am gratified and encouraged, and believe that there can be a bright future for our Order. This kind of growth flies directly in the face of the conventional wisdom that Odd Fellowship is a thing of the past. I don't buy that conventional "wisdom" for a moment. The fact that there are some Lodges in California that are growing their membership shines the light of truth on the proposition that our Order is relevant in the 21st Century, can attract new members, and can thrive in the coming years.

How do these successful Lodges do it? I've said it before, and I will say it again. It's not rocket science, but it bears repeating because I believe that EVERY LODGE IN CALIFORNIA CAN BE SUCCESSFUL. The secret of success is a formula that works. It requires leadership, of course, but it's all about becoming a three-dimensional Lodge. And what are those three dimensions? First, Lodges must remember the historical links that makes us uniquely Odd Fellows. Those links are the ritual and regalia and teachings of our Order. Second, Lodges must remember to have fun. We are a fraternal order and it is appropriate that we provide for an active social life for members and family. A boring Lodge is a dying Lodge. A socially active Lodge is a vibrant Lodge that keeps and attracts members. Third, and equally important, the 21st Century Lodge must become active and visible in that Lodge's community. Lodge members must endeavor to get out from behind the four walls of the Lodge Hall, and get into the community to do valuable and useful work. It's good for the community, and it's very good for the Lodge's future. Men and women in this Century want to help others - and there are myriad ways in which Odd Fellows can do so.

I commend the Lodges that are adjusting to the 21st Century, are active, growing and vibrant. It's worth it. We are a fraternal order that has been alive and well in North America for two Centuries. It is our responsibility to keep the flame of Odd Fellowship bright and burning for the next Century.

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Dave Rosenberg  
Grand Master  
Jurisdiction of California

## Do you have experience or expertise in

- Investments
- Accounting, Finance, Auditing
- Residential Facilities (Management, Operations, Development)
- Health Care (Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing, Geriatrics)
- Health Care Administration and Regulation
- Organizational Governance
- Events (Development, Management)
- Strategic Planning
- Fraternal Affairs
- Law

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If so, the Odd Fellows Home of California (OFHC) could use your help. The OFHC owns two continuing care retirement communities – one in Napa and the other in Saratoga. The Board of Directors of the OFHC oversees the management of the facilities. However, a management company runs the day-to-day operations.

The Board of Directors will have three vacancies this May. There are two Odd Fellows At-Large positions and one Rebekah position. The Odd Fellows positions are elected at the Grand Lodge sessions. It is not necessary to be an Odd Fellow to fill an At-Large position. The Rebekah position is elected by the Rebekah Assembly.

The outgoing Odd Fellows Directors have many years of experience in accounting and finance so we are especially in need in those areas.

The Board meets 6 times a year and alternates between Napa and Saratoga. Typically, there are committee meetings on Friday afternoon and Board meetings on Saturday. Some time is spent between board meetings on committee assignments. Reimbursement for travel and accommodations is provided.

If you are interested, you must submit a Statement of Qualifications to Grand Secretary Ray Link before April 1.

For more information, the OFHC Bylaws and Roberts Code have information and can be found on the Grand Lodge website ([caioof.org](http://caioof.org)) or, contact Board Chair Robin Oliver at [roboliver@belovedorder.info](mailto:roboliver@belovedorder.info).



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To the Officers and Members:

On December 29, 2015 we reinstated Quick Silver Junior Lodge #113. We currently have 8 junior and have applications for 9 more at the time of this letter.

We are trying to raise funds to attend the annual session of Theta Rho Assembly and where we can work on plans to get the Grand Junior lodge operating once again.

Any contributions that you could make to help us do this would be appreciated.

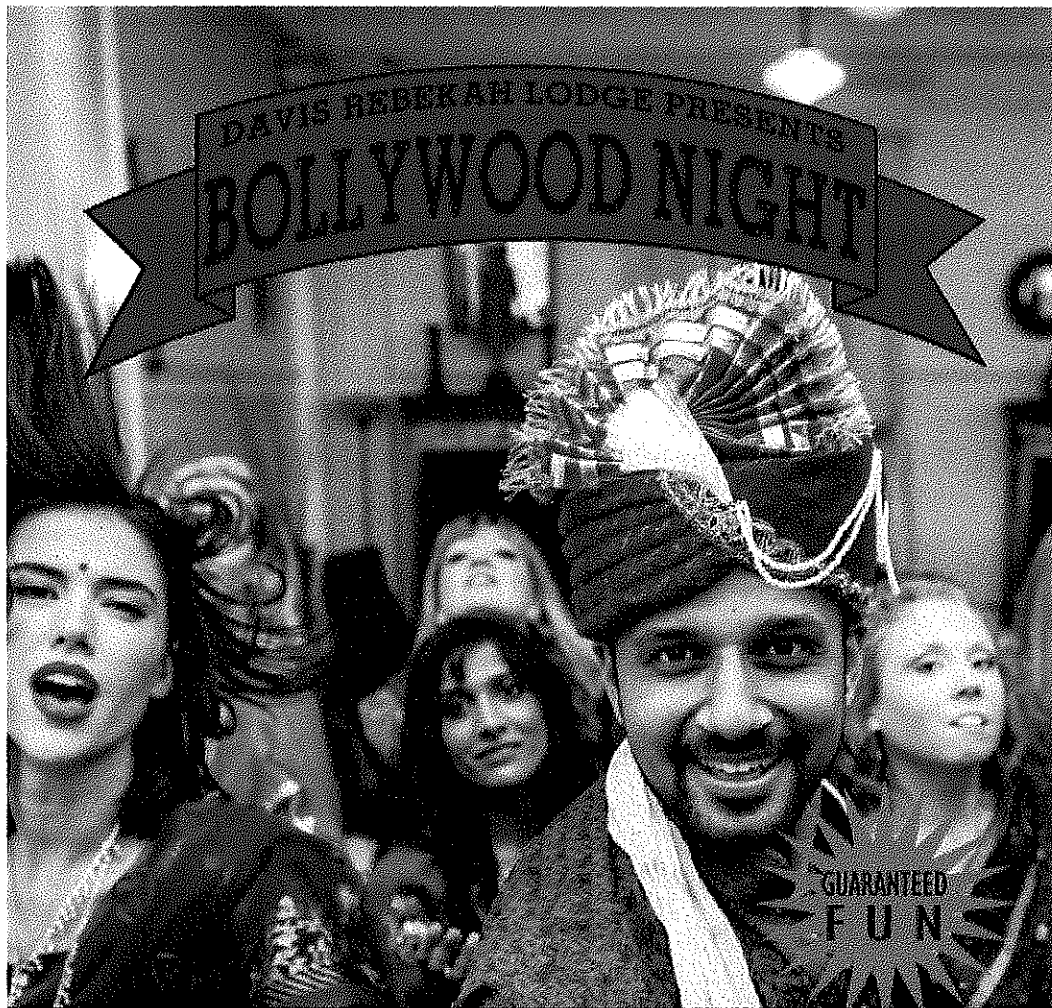
Please send any contributions to Quick Silver Junior Lodge #113 112 ½ W 'B' St.,  
Ontario, CA 91762.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Mills".

Ron Mills

Chairman Grand Lodge Youth Committee



7:00PM April 2<sup>nd</sup>

@ the Davis Odd Fellow Lodge 415 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Tickets:

[www.davisrebekahbollywood.eventbrite.com](http://www.davisrebekahbollywood.eventbrite.com)

\$50 General Admission \$30 Student

Food • Cash Bar • Dance • Raffle • Charity

Tickets will be available at Common Grounds in Davis starting Feb 8th

All proceeds benefit Rebekah Children's Home