
How To Become a Member

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To become a member at Century Lodge and or any other Oddfellow lodge world wide the path is the same. Those interested simply would either contact the lodge, meet a current member or come to an Oddfellow sponsored event and let us know your intention. Once we are aware of your intention we strongly suggest the following:

- 1.) Research the order. Information is in every library and all over the internet

- 2.) Attend lodge dinners and functions so you have the opportunity to get to know the members and see first hand some of the benevolent programs we are involved in.

- 3.) Visit other Oddfellow Lodges in the area.

- 4.) Keep in mind you are considering joining a world wide fraternal order.

- 5.) Consider the time you have to offer. Oddfellows are Oddfellows 24/7 365.

- 6.) If after you have contemplated the above and wish to proceed you will need a sponsor. If you don't personally know someone in the lodge and wish to join and have made your intention to become a member clear then one will be appointed for you.

- 7.) This becomes your official start. You will be educated on what is expected and you will be asked to be involved in various lodge functions and activities as well.

8.) When your sponsor feels confident you have gained the knowledge to make a well informed decision on joining the order, your sponsor will let the lodge know and the members will vote on you at a regularly scheduled meeting.

9.) If the vote is favorable you will be brought to the next initiation and start a life long journey of helping your fellow man and expanding your fraternal relations with the world.

Valediction

I AM AN ODD FELLOW!

I believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

I believe in Friendship, Love and Truth as basic guides to the ultimate destiny of all mankind. I believe my home, my church or temple, my lodge and my community deserve my best work, my modest pride, my earnest faith and my deepest loyalty as I perform my duties to: Visit the Sick, Relieve the Distressed, Bury the Dead and Educate the Orphan, and as I work with others to create a better world because, in Spirit and in Truth, I am, and must always be, Grateful to my Creator, Faithful to my Country and Fraternal to my Fellow Man.

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