

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they all stick together." Vista M. Kelly

I hope you have had a wonderful holiday season! As I am taking the decorations down to put away till next year, I think about the coming month of January. January is a time when many of us reassess our busy lives and think about what we want to accomplish or do to balance our lives during the next year. Do you make resolutions? One of your resolutions should be to

start becoming an active member of your lodge. Here are some New Year ideas and exercises for you!

Attend a Meeting: When was the last time you attended a meeting. When was the last time you volunteered? We all know things don't happen if no one does them. How about 4 hours twice a year. There are all kinds of things to volunteer for. Just ask. Without new ideas and help, the success of the lodge is put at risk. You are an important member of your lodge and you are missed. Make 2019 the year that you come out and support your lodge.

Bring a friend: When you do come to a meeting, why not bring a friend! Bringing someone to see the lodge and all that there is to offer will be energizing, give them good food, good fellowship, and, with your help, they will be good candidates for the Lodge. Think of all the people you know, who might make good members of our Lodge and share the fun.

Join a group: Does your lodge have a literature group, a genealogy group, a language group? Why not join and if there isn't one, why not start one.

Try some Exercises: Look at the SON website and find the sports medal programs. There will be something you will like. Start slow and easy and work your way up. Do something for your good health while earning an award.

Now that January has arrived many lodges have the installation of new officers. Congratulations to those new and returning officers and a hearty thank you to those who have served in the past. Many don't realize the dedication and many hours you have spent as a volunteer to support your lodge. There are photographs to take of your lodge happenings. Share your events through pictures. Send them to the <u>publicity@3dsofn.org</u> and copy me. I'm always interested in what's going on in our "Tremendous Third"

I sincerely hope that new year brings you and yours health and happiness.

Fraternally, Kathy