# Independent Order of Odd Fellows Georgia

## Education Committee June Training

- Why should Lodges have Activities?
  - Increase fellowship
  - Increase membership
  - Create more interesting meetings
  - Members want to attend when there is a purpose
  - Helps to invite people to check out your lodge
  - Regain your Lodge purpose to elevate the character of man

- How do we start Activities that people would like to attend?
  - Choose activities that are:
    - In line with your vision statement
    - Interesting to all members
    - Diverse to all members
    - More than one activity to allow everyone's interest to be engaged
    - Don't reinvent the wheel, look for activities that are already established

#### What kind of activities could our Lodge start?

- Activities:
  - Audubon Society
  - Bible Study
  - Card Group
  - Motorcycle Group
  - Camping Group
  - Movie Night
  - Dinner Night

- Support a:
  - Boy Scout Group
  - United Nations Pilgrimage
  - Mission Trip
  - Student with a Scholarship
  - Feed the Homeless
  - Salvation Army Drive
  - Relay for Life (Cancer Society)

\*Remember these are just suggestions\*
Have a planning meeting and try one of these ideas or start your own activities.

- It may seem odd to put the Audubon Society on the list of activities but it does elevate the character of man by increasing knowledge of God's creation.
- By utilizing existing programs there is less start-up cost and planning; also people, with the same interest, may want to join Odd Fellows.
- Don't get discouraged if you start slowly, make sure it is done right and members will be excited to attend.