

## Grand Lodge of Ontario,

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## **Dear Brothers and Sisters;**

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with your family and friends. I welcome you to the year of 2023 and I hope that all your goals and dreams are achieved.

I would like to remind you of things that are required of your lodge as the New Year begins. Brother John Nichols, our Grand Secretary will be putting our advanced journal together for sessions so please go to your journal and send in on the forms provided your deceased members and new members, your annual Odd Fellow Lodge information, and your Representative form. The dates that they are to be returned are provided on the forms.

Once the Representatives are elected by your lodges and sent in to the Grand Secretary I will be able to put my session committees together.

We are excited with our new venue, for the Annual Session, which is to be he held at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Brantford. I personally stayed there when I made my official visit to Brant –Oxford District # 19 and found the hotel staff so friendly, the food was amazing and the room was very clean and comfortable. The complimentary breakfast was delicious.

Please join us this year for sessions; we know that there could be a few challenges as this is the first year there but we had a few challenges when we moved from London to Stratford. Cut off date is March 25, 2023.

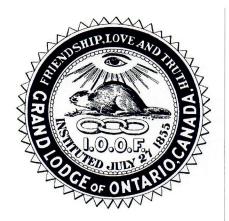
The Representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge will be our Sovereign Grand Master, Sister Michelle Heckert, our first Woman Sovereign Grand Master. Sister Michelle Heckert is a fantastic lady, and her musical skills are amazing, it is an honour to have her at our session. Hopefully you will attend and meet her.

I have consolidated one district, and have done two lodge consolidations so far this term. My next consolidation will be in January and I know of three more

considering this.

If your lodge needs to consolidate please contact the Grand Lodge Secretary for the proper paper work. It is better to consolidate with a lodge than to close the lodge.

I hope to see you at sessions, if you need anything please feel free to contact the Grand Lodge or myself as Grand Master.



Yours in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

Hacuya Bulnow

Sister Kathryn Bellmore, Grand Master, 2022 - 2023.