

Friendship

You gain a new family in the members of your Lodge and a vast network of Brothers and Sisters worldwide. By joining Odd Fellows or Rebekahs with your friends it helps to give a deeper purpose and meaning to your friendship. We are a diverse organization and have members of all faiths, races, genders, occupations and abilities with over 600,000 members.

Love

The historic command of the Odd Fellow and Rebekahs is to "visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan."

You get to take an active role in helping your community and the world be a better place. Local Lodges help out their communities in any way they choose and are unified together in larger projects.

Truth

Be a part of the **HISTORY** and the **MYSTERY**. As an Odd Fellow or Rebekah you get to be a member of one of the world's oldest and largest fraternal Orders. Rituals, symbols, and degrees are designed to "elevate and improve the character of mankind." By taking these lessons to heart you become a better person and in turn help to make the world around you a better place.

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 THE BASIC GUIDES TO
THE ULTIMATE DESTINY OF ALL MANKIND;
I BELIEVE MY HOME, 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 DUTY
"TO VISIT THE SICK, RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED,
BURY THE DEAD AND EDUCATE THE ORPHAN"
AND AS I WORK WITH OTHERS
TO BUILD 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;

I AM AN ODD FELLOW

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I AM A REBEKAH:

*I believe in the Fatherhood of God,
the Brotherhood of man,
and the Sisterhood of woman.*

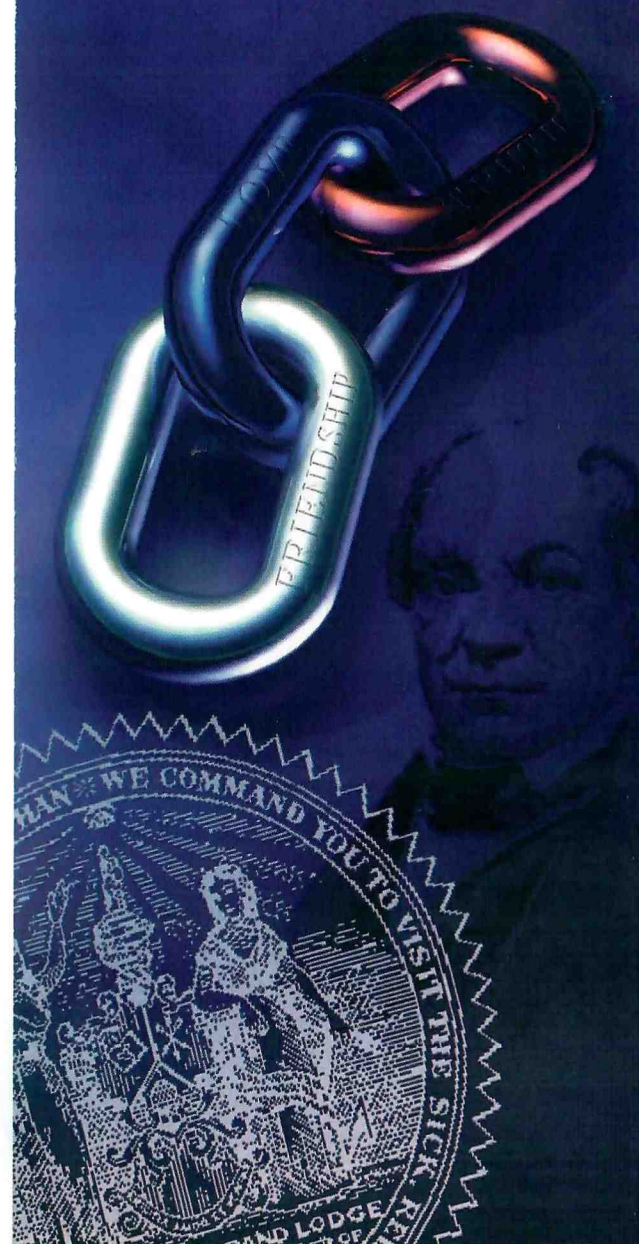
*I believe in the watch-words of our Order -
Friendship, Love and Truth.*

*Friendship - is like a golden chain that ties our hearts
together. Love - is one of our most precious gifts, the
more you give, the more you receive. Truth - is the
standard by which we value people. It is the foundation
of our society.*

*I believe that my main concern should be my God, my
family and my friends. Then I should reach out to my
community and the World, for in God's eyes we are all
brothers and sisters.*

I AM A REBEKAH!

The Independent Order of
Odd Fellows & Rebekahs



Our Projects and Programs:

Arthritis: This disease affects many of our personal, as well as Lodge, family members. Strides made in research have meant a better quality life for many. The Odd Fellows and Rebekah's of Ontario work to support funding towards Arthritis research. All monies donated in Ontario stay in Ontario.

Camp Trillium, Odd Fellows and Rebekah Capital Fund: Camp Trillium hosts camps operated for children with cancer. Our Order has supported Camp Trillium since its inception and we continue to support Camp Trillium and OuR Island. This fund has been established to help upgrade and maintain OuR Island and Camp Trillium so they have a good and certain future.

Disaster Fund: This fund was established many years ago in order to have adequate monies set aside in the case of a disaster being declared by government authorities.

Humanitarian Service Program: This program oversees the lending program of medical equipment to those in need. This committee is happy to make donations on your behalf to Lymphoma/Leukemia research.

IOOF Senior's Home Inc: The original home started by the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows many years ago has grown from a small home for orphans to a state of the art facility for seniors. Funding for capital projects such as new purchases and replacements for equipment continue to be a major need and are not funded by the government.

Memorial Research Committee: This committee works closely with the Directors and Doctors of the Eye Bank of Canada, Ontario division. Our Order has been a continuing sponsor by way of a Research Grant and a Student Bursary. Recent contributions have included a much needed Autoclave for Cornea Re-Sectioning, a Pachymeter for testing Glaucoma in patients and most recently a special freezer unit to preserve Amniotic Membranes for future use in eye surgery.

Our Aim:

To Improve and Elevate the Character of Mankind.

In 18th century England, it was odd to find people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need and pursuing projects for the benefit of all mankind.

Those who belonged to such an organization were called "Odd Fellows." Today, the Odd Fellows is a worldwide fraternal Order having over 10,000 Lodges in 30 countries.

Our goal to help make the world a better place to live by aiding each other and by organizing charitable projects and activities that would benefit the less fortunate, the children, the youth, the elderly, the environment and the community in every way possible.

Consider Joining the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs:

A man or woman of good character, who is loyal to their country and believes in a Supreme Being, the creator and preserver of the Universe, is eligible for membership. Odd Fellowship strictly forbids any interference with one's religious beliefs or political opinions.



How to Join:

If you are interested in learning more and possibly becoming a part of the Odd Fellows or Rebekahs, you are encouraged to visit our website at **www.grandlodgeofontario.net/**.

When contacting us, share with us your interest in joining and we will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Should you decide to join, an application and instructions will be provided. Simply contact us on the web, phone, mail or email.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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