

## United Church of Canada

Pastor Steve Wilson  
Kenton-Shiloh  
Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
Kenton, Manitoba, Canada



*"All people are called equally to faithfully respond and share in the responsibility, duty, and freedom of the endeavor in seeking wholeness in their relationship, with God and neighbor. Odd Fellowship's aim of universal equality of humankind supports, uplifts and empowers that faithful response. Equality, worthiness and acceptance of all people are lofty and noble aspirations. My Christian faith and fraternal obligations are inseparable in the acceptance of the teaching "that all may be one".*

*Grand Master of Manitoba  
Rapid City Lodge #18 and Advisor  
Valleyview Junior Lodge #2 Rapid City,  
Manitoba, Canada*



## United Methodist

Rev. Daniel E. Bannan, Jr.  
Union United  
Methodist Church  
No. Wilkesboro, North Carolina

*"My experience with Odd Fellowship, has led me to discover an increasing depth of witness to the faith of the members. Already, leaders in their religious communities, they are strengthened by the Biblically-based degrees to greater faith and action. From the Initiation through to the funeral ritual, God is kept at the center of the member's life, and provides the impetus for fellowship and benevolent action which is so needed in our age of selfishness."*

*Noble Grand  
Union Odd Fellows Lodge #331  
No. Wilkesboro, NC*



## Catholic

Rev. Leo D. Bums, C.S.B.  
Basilian Fathers of Etobicoke  
Chaplain - Cathedral  
Boys High School  
Hamilton, Ontario

*"The beautiful thing about Odd Fellowship for me is that each Brother and Sister respects the personal beliefs of each other and yet the three links of Odd Fellowship binds us together into a close-knit family despite our varying backgrounds, as the practice of Friendship, Love, and Truth is the aim and goal of every religion."*

*Grand Warden of Ontario  
Sudbury Lodge #282  
Sudbury, Ontario, Canada*

## Odd Fellowship & Religion

We are taught on the threshold of Odd Fellowship to have reverence for God, to be industrious, and to act upon the Golden Rule, which requires us to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us. It should be made clear that Odd Fellowship is **NOT** a religion.

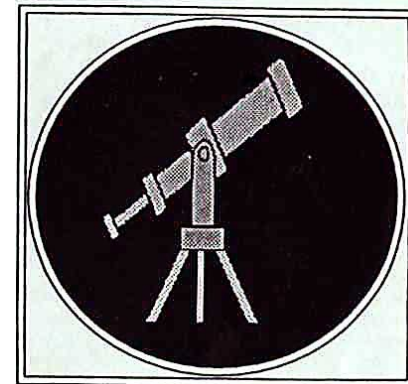
We are eager to welcome all honorable men and women of high moral character as members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but we want our members to continue their dedication to their church or temple.

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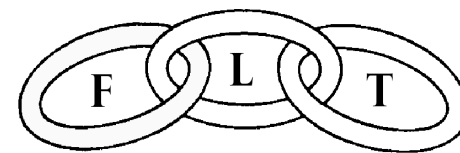
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# Religious Views



## and The Three Link Fraternity



**Independent Order of Odd Fellows**

# Odd Fellowship & Religion

Odd Fellowship respects all recognized religions, and we encourage our members to faithfully support the religion of their choice. To become an Odd Fellow or Rebekah you must be grateful to your Creator, faithful to your country, and fraternal to your fellowman. In our lodge rooms we meet for mutual counsel, the relief of distress, and the elevation of human character.

## Baptist

Rev. Dr. M. D. Hart  
Southern Baptist Church  
West Jefferson,  
North Carolina



*"For 47 years I have served Southern Baptist Churches in five states, led church-building programs, and organized three Baptist churches. I have been an Odd Fellow for 36 years, and I find great fellowship in our meetings. As a Baptist Pastor I am proud to be a part of what Odd Fellowship is doing all around the world."*

Chaplain  
Jefferson Lodge #38  
West Jefferson, North Carolina

## Catholic Church

Rev. Mons. Titian Miani  
St. Luke's Church  
Stockton, California



*"Centuries ago a wise old monk remarked that if people realized the peace and tranquility that could be found in his monastery, they would come flocking to enter it. I would like to add to that bit of wisdom. If you knew the sense of fulfillment and warm brotherhood that could be found among our lodge brothers, our Order would be besieged with applicants. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows supports and encourages the good work of the church."*

Noble Grand  
Scio Lodge #102  
Linden, California

## Christian

Rev. Cela Fugate  
First Christian Church  
Kellerton, Iowa



*"As an ordained minister of the Christian Church, I have always worked and enjoyed my Rebekah Lodge and the beautiful degree work taken from the Holy Bible. I have learned nearly all charges in the Rebekah Degree, and on many occasions I have served as both a minister and a Rebekah at funerals and on other occasions."*

Past Noble Grand  
Valentine Rebekah Lodge #528  
Kellerton, Iowa

## Episcopal

Rt. Rev. Charles Worrell  
Bishop, Southern  
Episcopal Church  
Nashville, Tennessee



*"Odd Fellowship encompasses those high and noble teachings which make us better men. As a Clergyman I find great personal satisfaction in my membership in an organization which supports the teachings of my faith. While not a religious organization, a respect for everyone's religion proves it to be composed of individuals of a faith. This association is second only to my allegiance to the Church. Odd Fellowship truly is good fellowship!"*

Grand Secretary of Tennessee  
Tennessee Lodge #1  
Nashville, Tennessee

## Jewish

Rabbi David Schnitzler  
Rego Park Jewish Center  
Rego Park, New York



*"Joining and actively participating in the many faceted activities of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows gave me a feeling of accomplishment, complementing my functions at the synagogue. While not a religious order, our fraternity encompasses the noble ideals set forth in the Holy Bible and are harmonious with the Jewish religion."*

Past District Deputy Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of New York

## Latter Day Saints

Jim Kotyk, Elder  
Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter Day Saints  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada



*"I have enjoyed my 35 years of membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The teachings of the Order which come from the Bible encourage the members to live according to the Golden Rule. I have experienced great growth from my participation in the Order and have learned to appreciate the many noble men and women in the Fraternity who have set great examples in their quest to make this world a better place in which to live."*

Past Grand  
Hillhurst Lodge #46  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada