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them in death-a love that made an fatherless in their affliction," and this We are secret (as Christ's followers What provision has it made for the arrow a tongue to speak, when the Odd Fellowship does. Is not then the are commanded to be) in bestowment support of the widow-the education murderer whetted his death knife. Do work of our order as shown by its of donations to distressed brethren or of the orphan? What provision has it men inquire how old Odd Fellowship practices, acceptable service to the their families. Unfeeling indeed must made to take care of the sick stranger, is? We refer them to the smoking in- Creator? Even the giving of a cup of be the prying soul, that would insult and in death to give him decent burial?

monies, and Dr. Cowperthwaite, of Ne- wept one with another till David ex- filiation, and is adhered to with rigid our emblems, in the instruction of our What is Odd Fellowship but associated exactness. With questions of State policy and sons more impressive; and to disclose | ties? Associated action is a principle We assert therefore of Odd Fellowship that its material-its life-blood sectarian creeds, which agitate and the mode of teaching, would deprive of power and might; direct it we may, Secret societies (so-called) are of no and heat-and soul-are as old as the convulse the world, separate men from the instruction of the charm of novel- destroy it we cannot. Like steam, if modern origin, but dating back as far first sabbath morning-as old as the each other, and array them in antago- ty, and impair its efficiency. That this confined in iron bonds, it will burst its as history records, we find traces, rude solemn and binding obligation that nistic forces and factions, Odd Fellow- is the utmost extent of our secresy, fetters, and scatter death and destrucas they may have been, which are evi- united the beating hearts of the first ship has nothing to do, interdicting as honest and truthful men of all denomi- tion abroad; and yet like a well broken dence sufficient that there has existed pair in the Garden of Eden, when an- it does, by mild and salutatary re- nations among us are ready to testify. horse it may be harnessed and driven long before the Christian era, some- gels were the witnesses and God the straints, all political and religious dis- These secrets then belong to no indi- in safety. Men will associate. If

cussions from its counsels. Around vidual alone, and therefore no one has their association be not turned to the the present day, and these have every- When and where Odd Fellowship the altars of Odd Fellowship the clam- a right to disclose them. They are the amelioration of human woe-to plans where accompanied, if they have not took its rise, then-whether it is an- ors and discords of the earth are orders only. They concern not the for the moral and social elevation of advanced, civilization, and been the cient or modern, are questions of com- hushed, and its votaries meet as broth- world, and belong not to the public. - mankind-it will be seized upon by conservators, if not the promoters, of parative little moment. Suffice it to ers, bound together by a common sym- Why then should the public thus the factious and discontented, the lisay that 52 years ago witnessed the pathy, a bond stronger than legislative strenuously oppose us upon the ground centious and the vile, as a potent en-The earliest record of the formation formation of the first Lodge of Odd enactments or hooks of steel. Thus of secresy alone? Not only oppose, gine to overturn the social and reliof a secret Christian Association for Fellows in the western hemisphere .- amid the various conflicting theories but endeavor, by unfair means, to ob- gious institutions which now serve to mutual protection and defence against Thos. Wildey, and four others, who had and multiplied denominations in the tain possession of those secret signs, check their excesses. Will men, under physical danger, runs back as far as been Odd Fellows, in connection with world, there is happily one spot "where and expose them to others, by which the influence of the social principle, the reign of Emperor Nero, in the year the order in England, constituted the men of all opinions may meet and min- we guard the treasury of the depend- seek the bar-room-the gambling hell? 55. When that cruel tyrant ruled at entire number composing this Lodge. gle in sacred fellowship. Odd Fellow- ent sick and distressed—the widow Give them some other attractive place Rome, the early Christains formed They were men in the humble walks ship, sees men divided by party lines, and the orphan. This disposition to of assembly, where virtuous thoughts. themselves into an association for mu- of life, unlearned, without prestige, swayed by passion, and controlled by acquire and expose the secrets of oth- moral habits, will become chosen tual encouragement. They called fame, wealth, or any of those accesso- selfishness, and it endeavors to bring ers, is as wrong as any iniquity it seeks themes and preferred practices. Will themselves "fellow citizens;" and it is ries calculated to impart success to the them in a relation of amity towards to uncover. Yet there are persons- they unite in secret clubs, to agitate said they recognized one another by enterprise in which they had embarked, each other. It seeks to promote a large honest, high-minded people in all else treason, and seek to unsettle governputting the open hand upon the mouth, and possessing only an earnest purpose humanity, and to unite all men, how- - who have allowed this spirit so far ment and society? Unite them by the as a token of secrecy. Twenty-four to do good to their fellow man. Al- ever diverse in nationality, religious to govern them, that they condemn charm of secrecy, to works of mercy

tus changed the name of the order to unpretentious and unpromising, yet the der the broad Ægis of Fraternity. warned the ungodly and vile citizens order, as seen half a century ago, with that afflict mankind. of Sodom and Gomorrah; which went the gigantic proportions it now pre-

idolatrous heathen, and caused him its inception, yet how grand and sub- its members in the struggle incident merely because we have secrets. than ancient identity. If we affirm, and the most exalted virtues. Its sub-

antiquity, we are always ready to elu- lowship, and may be seen in every living," and the dust is smoot ed on social and moral consequences which the board by the virtue of the social cidate the fact, that its essence, its Lodge room. From its sacred pages his grave by the hand of sorrowing follow the violation of any similar spirit. He is by the bed of sickness principles and power, are coeval, and we derive lessons of instruction, de- friendship. co-existent with the race of Adam .- signed to affect the heart and con-We can see in the mellow tints of the science of its entire membership. The end not here. The chain of worthy is bound, in any way to revenge any ministering to poverty and comforting rainbow that the Almighty budded in divine law we recognize as our guide, fellowship may be broken, but some of revelation which an unworthy mem- affliction, and relieving distress. the heavens, that principle which gives and of binding force upon all who are its several links remain, in the persons ber may make. Oaths are unknown in Brethren, let us go on, unfurling the our institution one of the gems in its taught at our altars. No one is admit- of the stricken widow and helpless or- our order, and, speaking from experi- white banner of our order-giving it crown-Faithfulness to a solemn prom- ted to the privileges of the order, who phan. Odd Fellowship repairs to the ence, I can say that I have passed proudly to the breeze-till its triumise. We can hear in the thunders that does not believe in the existence of a desolate homes; refills the cruse of oil, every gradation of Odd Fellowship phant folds intertwine and become shook Sinai, the voice of truth, as Great, Supreme Being, the Creator and and replenishes the empty barrel; over from the initiatory to the Royal Pur- blended with the stars and stripes of its glowing fire flashed in the clouds Preserver of the Universe. At every the night of desolate widowhood it ple, and have never been called upon the freeman's hope and home; till opthat lowered about that monument of step of his progress he is reminded watches with sympathizing care, and to take a single oath. the divine presence and power. In the that the eye of the Omnipresent is ever comforts the stricken hearted mother It is also urged by many against our crushed on his harness; "till man is ephod and the breastplate, and the cu- upon him, and that he will be held with the assurance that her fatherless order that it comes in contact with the bound in brotherhood to man"-till

lence and friendship, which even in a duct in all the relatious of life. barbarous and iron age, were delegated But, while these are the teachings of pass to notice briefly one or two of the denominations. They all acknowledge and that law shall be the law of univer-Keeps constantly on hand all Staple Articles to individuals, that the name and excel- our order, we do not claim that it is, in objections urged against it by outsiders; individually the authority of the sal brotherhood. lence of the everlasting God might be the strict sense of the term, a religious and first, of its secrecy. declared and revered, and mankind institution. Odd Fellowskip is not Ring what changes you may upon ence they unite to do precisely what might take their degrees in moral and Christianity; nor is it a substitute, or the suspiciousness of secrecy, the ten- the teachings of the church command intellectual advancement. We can see an equivalent for Christianity. We dency of evil to seek darkness and to be done. Singly they could not efin the two tablets of stone that were nevertheless claim that it possesses mystery, and of good to come to the fect as much good as when united .carried early in the morning to the many religious attributes; that it is a light that it may be manifest, still you The fact is the church makes no spemount, when the Lord descended in handmaid to Christianity; inducing will hardly contend that secrecy is cific provision in any of its branches. the cloud, and the covenant with Israel holier thoughts and affections in the in itself and necessarily a proof of evil. for the performance of the duties in was made, the signs and tokens of a hearts of those who come within the We are secret (as every family is, or which Odd Fellowship engages: it army. moral power, before which the altars range of its influence, leading them by should be) in regard to the personal does not, in any of the sects, or deand images of paganism crumbled, and its ritual, its symbols and its ceremo- affairs of any member, which are sub- nominations, make provision for their light and reflection shed their healing nies, to the consecration of their lives mitted to us for counsel, aid, admonidischarge. Where has it made provisinfluence amid the unhallowed graves to truth, and the proper discharge of tion, rebuke or punishment. They are ion for the sick member of its comof the unsanctified idolaters. We can their duty to God and man. We have his secrets, not ours-much less the munion, furnishing watchers by their trace in the friendship of David and Divine authority for saying that "pure world's. Would that there were far bed every night, for months, supplying Jonathan, an affection that made them religion and undefiled"-in part at more domestic secret societies, and less them with money to procure the neclovely in their lives, and that united least-"is to visit the widow and the of gossips slanderous tongue.

cense that rose from the altar of right- water has its reward; how much the relieved by publishing their poverty Where are the provisions? None such

years subsequent to this Emperor, Ti- though the beginning of the order was predilections, or political affinities, un- without evidence, every so-called secret and benevolence. God has sanctioned society-and pry into its private affairs, this principle by association in the n-"Odd Fellows," at the same time pre- hand of Providence was in it, and He, Charity, in its most comprehensive and encourage others to expose them stitution of his holy church. Elevated enting the members with a warrant who with the weak things of earth signification, or love, is the prom- to the public. Surely such conduct above the discords of earth, uninfluof the Imperial Protection engraven on often confounds the mighty, smiled inent and pervading idea of Odd Fel- must arise from a want of due considenced by the changeful policy of time a plate of gold, accompanied by a num- upon it, and made it an instrument in lowship; a charity which is diffusive, eration of what is due to their own is to constitute one vast association ber of the emblems in use at the pres- accomplishing His high behests, and in and which indicates benevolence and character as honest, decent men. Such designed to concentrate the actions of ent day. This, then, is considered by conferring through it a long train of kindness to the whole race of Adam .- anti-secrecy people, to be consistent, its myriad members into the effective many as the origin of the order we rep- inestimable blessings upon mankind, It is this sentiment that imparts vi- should have no secrets of their own, unity of one catholic body. When this resent here to-night. A love of Mys- which will flow on, and flow ever, while tality to its entire organization; it is and keep none confided to them by perfection is attained minor associatery and blind veneration for antiquity man shall need the aid of his fellow the sun of its system, around which their friends and families; should exwith some, have been the means of man in the rugged journey of life. | all the principles of the order centre | pose their most private thoughts and | Such is a brief view of the practices. confounding principles with the insti- We live in an era of wonderful de- and revolve in harmony, and from feelings to the public; relate their do- principles and tendencies of Odd Febtutions embodying them, claiming velopment and expansion in the realm which they derive their effulgence, mestic conversations and conjugal en- lowship. That there will be opposiequal antiquity for both. True Odd of thought and action. The pulsations beauty and efficiency. "God is Love," dearments, expose purse, pocket-books, tion, is to be expected, for what that is Fellowship does not idolatrously wor- of mental life have been quickened to full, free and boundless are the exhibi- and private papers at all times and lovely or of good report, has ever esship an ideal past; nor does it boast of a vitality before unknown. The law tions of His love. He who arched the places; never vote a folded ticket, seal caped the sneer and the scowl of the a remote antiquity -venerable only for of progress governs the empire of heavens with the rainbow, spangled a letter, receive secret advice, bestow gloomy Pharisee. Like the still, small its antiquity-but L hat is of more im- mind, takes hold of all things within the firmament with glittering gems, private alms, or offer secret prayer, for voice upon the ear of the prophet. portance, it can boast that the elemen- its range, and even impresses itself decked the earth with verdure, diver- if secrecy is wrong or proof of evil, all when the wind, and the fire, and the tary principles upon which it is found- upon the future. Art and science sified it with hill and dale, and ap- these things are evil. We will only earfhquake had passed, Odd Fellowed have come down to us across the seem to have culminated to the very pointed the seed time and harvest, has, add that strictly speaking Odd Fellow- ship, the noiseless spirit of benevolence centuries, and are as old as the ancient acme of perfection and grandeur, and in these displays of His wondrous ship is not a secret society. Our Con- and love, has trained its children to of days-God given and eternal. Odd man starts back astonished at the power and providence, manifested His stitution and By-Laws, our times and follow in the path of desolation and Fellowship, as an operating individual events which are transpiring around love to all His creatures. It is in the places of meeting, the names of our of- affliction, whispering peace, and bindcompact, may be "ancient;" it may him. The unbounded and almost mi- spirit of this exalted attribute of the ficers and members generally, the ing in the golden bonds of Friendship claim with some certainty to have raculous prosperity which Odd Fel- Creator that Odd Fellowship exists, amounts and source of our receipts, the Love and Truth the sheaves left standoriginated in the palmy days of old lowship has attained, its rapid growth, the atmosphere it breathes, and the items of our expenditures, principles ing in the fields over which death and Rome; but there is positive evidence its unparallelled success, and the sentiment that animates its great and objects, the proceedings generally sorrow, and the great reaper has that its principles-its ma'erial-have mighty power it is wielding for good, heart. The law of love controls its en- of all National and State Grand bodies, passed. Look over the field of our apexisted from time immemorable. It furnish a striking illustration of the tire life and being, and this law Odd all these are as public as those of any propriate labor for the evidence of was the spirit of our system which energy and force of this influence Fellowship regards as the fulfillment Legislature, or other public depart- these works. See you stricken widew. upon an acceptable incense from the which characterizes the age. When of all moral law, and holds it to be the ment in the country. As well, there- bowed down and sorrowful; the hope altar of righteous Abel; which we contrast the feeble infancy of the grand remedy for all the social evils fore, might you call any individual or of her heart is quenched. But there But, says one, "I thought Odd Fel- President's Cabinet, or a grand jury, or around her; a hand of love has wiped with Abraham into the wilderness sents, may we not exclaim "What hath lowship a mere beneficial society, hav- the official boards of our churches—all away her tears. That arm was our among the wretchedly ignorant and God wrought." How insignificant was ing for its single purpose the relief of of whom have secrets-a secret society, order; that hand an Odd Fellows. See there to rear his altar of true patri- lime the results! The spartan band to human life." To such, I would say, Aside from our secrecy, we have to watch over him; no mother to caarchial piety and genuine worship; has become a vast host which is ever be at once undeceived. "Tis true, mate- been branded as "an oath bound asso- ress and wipe away his burning tears, no which led him to the mountain, where achieving new and glorious victories rial relief is a leading office in our affili-

the angel whose soft tones came from ness and peace on earth, and rendering but are imperative duties which Odd gle obligation administered among us tude and love.

rious girdle spoken of in the scriptures, amenable to the law which his Creator | children will be protected and educated. | claims of the church, and creates con- tears are changed to smiles and groans we can see the symbols of that benevo- has given him as the rule of his con- Having thus dwelt upon the princi- flicting duties. The order of Odd Fel- to benedictions—then shall one law ples and tendencies of our order, let us lows is composed of christians of all bind all nations, tongues and creeds, church, and in the most perfect obediessaries and often the delicacies of life? exist; there is no systematic plan in ark, that stood above the ruin of a the ministrations of relief, which Odd We are secret (as every banker and the church enforced upon its members world, the clive leaf; to old Noah, Fellowship daily illustrates. An es- business man is secret) in our modes by discipline. All the conflict our orby the cattle on a thousand hills; to ship is "Fraternity." This principle plicant is a partner in those funds, a prove its apathy. It may be made an capital comment.

into the heart of his boy-his beloved- minion, establishing a reign of kind- queathed by our order to its members, terrible manner; yet there is not a sin- and his glistening eye tells of gratithe throne "forbear," also recorded one it vocal with the songs of gladness, Fellowship enjoins. The Odd Fellow inconsistent with any duty we owe to The true Odd Fellow is out in the of the features of this order-Fidelity. that shall ascend from millions of its at home or abroad, if laid upon the bed self, family, country, mankind, or to field gathering the ready harvest; in of sickness, not only receives financial our Creator. All the aid we are to the workshop, laying his strong hand ciple, not a name; truth, rather than The principles of Odd Fellowship aid, but warm hearts and willing render each other is, and must be, withhands are near, ready to minister to in the limits of strict humanity and in the counting house, employed in the his wants, and should the fell destroyer patriotism, of morality and religion .- pursuits of professional labor. He is therefore, that Odd Fellowship as a lime precepts are drawn from the bible, claim his victim, the remains are fol- We invoke no penalty on life or limb, home fulfilling the duties of parent, compact should receive little credit for which is an integral part of Odd Fel- lowed to "the house appointed for all person or property; nothing but the husband; gladdening the hearth and pledge of honor among the rest of man- wiping the moist brow and cooling the But the duties of Odd Fellowship kind; consequently no one among us parched lips; he is in sorrowful places.

The Swedes and Danes have a similar word pearing the same signification An old version of the Irish New Testament contains the passage: "I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be sgedad of (all scattered). This word was probably used by some Irishman at Bull Run, and being very expressive was soon taken up by every one.

Griddle cake sociables ary raging in

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Some of the French papers advise amid his vine-clad farm, surrounded sential characteristic of Odd Fellow- of ascertaining whether a stranger ap- der can have with the church is to re- the drowning of criminals convinced as