



# 2024 LEGISLATIVE MOMENTS

## KENTUCKY'S OLD STATE CAPITOL

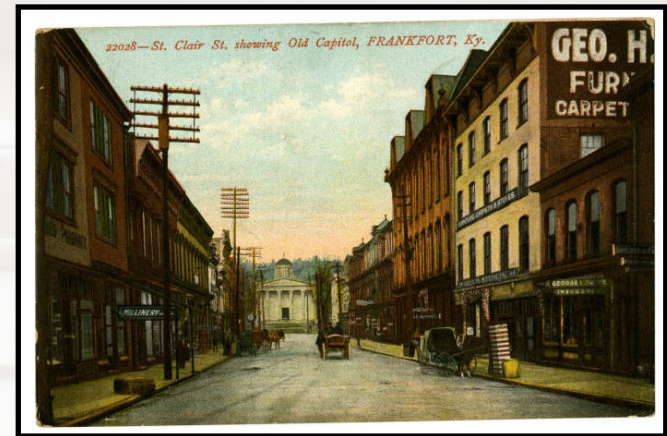
### He's a Jolly Odd Fellow

In the nineteenth century, fraternal societies were popular in the United States and the Kentucky Legislature routinely approved acts of incorporation.

On February 16, 1838, the Legislature approved "An Act to Incorporate the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows." This act established the grand lodge in Louisville, but a branch would be established in Frankfort two years later.

In 1872, the order officially finished building a lodge on St. Clair Street. Directly across from the Old State Capitol, the building held meetings of the Odd Fellows for over a hundred years until the building was sold in 1982.

As a fraternal society, the Odd Fellows did not originally allow female members, but a sister organization, the Daughters of Rebekah, soon established branches throughout Kentucky.



1907, Kentucky Historical Society, St. Clair St. showing Old Capitol, Ronald Morgan Postcard Collection; Graphic5\_Box5\_120\_1\_dm

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