



IOOF Drum & Bugle Corps Jacket 1950

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In 1950, the Ripon Odd Fellows Drum and Bugle Corps started from scratch with \$500 loaned to them from an Odd Fellow member. The band purchased secondhand instruments but purchased new uniforms with bright green jackets and beige pants. The director of the band was Don Prellwitz. The Corps played at several celebrations in Ripon and the surrounding area.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

A fraternal organization based on fellowship that teaches the application of friendship, love, truth, faith, hope, charity, and universal justice. Ripon Lodge No. 144 was organized in 1869. Headquarters were obtained above the Barlow & Seelig hardware store. In 1920, the Bishop building at 100-102 Jackson St. was purchased. The meeting place served as a community venue for various public events, such as ice cream socials, square dances, dinners, and carnivals.