



Refreshments and Activities at Your Lodge

Refreshments served in the evening will be at 6:00 P.M. and the Refreshments in the morning and will be served at 9:00 A.M. except when otherwise noted.

May 7, 2022 <u>Mother's Day</u>	<u>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</u> Refreshments – Cannelloni Red and White sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
May 14, 2022	<u>Initiatory Degree 7:00pm</u> Refreshments – Fried Chicken, Cold Slaw, Potato Salad Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
May 21, 2022	<u>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</u> Refreshments – Chicken Parmigiana, Peas, Salad Bread, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
May 28, 2022	<u>Morning Meeting 10:00am</u> Refreshments – Donuts & Bagels Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
June 4, 2022	<u>First Degree 7:00 pm</u> Refreshments – Beef Tips & Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, French Bread, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
June 11, 2022	<u>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</u> Refreshments – Chili Dogs, Shoe String Potatoes & Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
June 18, 2022	<u>Second Degree 7:00pm</u> Refreshments – Fish & Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
June 25, 2022	<u>Morning Meeting 10:00am</u> Refreshments – Danish & Bagels Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water





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THE STORY OF KYLE

A story about **FRIENDSHIP, LOVE & TRUTH.**

One day, when I was a freshman in high school, I saw a kid from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd." I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends tomorrow afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on. As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up, and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes.

My heart went out to him. So I jogged over to him, and as he crawled around looking for his glasses, I saw a tear in his eye. As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives." He looked at me and said, "Hey thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude.

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Jeffery A. Perrotte

A Message From Our Noble Grand Officers and Members Greetings everyone!

Hope this note finds you well. Much has occurred since my last message.

We had a great family gathering celebrating Valentine's Day with dinner and an electronic version of Bingo thanks to one of our computer gooroos - many thanks Ray White. The annual Budget was approved by the budget committee and the members of our Lodge, several degrees have been conducted and because of my schedule Jose and Rodney have stepped up a couple of times to fill in for my absences - may thanks guys. The Social Media Committee met and suggested we join the Chamber of Commerce to get exposure with the community. Unfortunately we were unable to join due to Grand Lodge concerns with potential political ties. But we may end up participating via a booth at one of the local events that will help get us some exposure - more to come. I did the part of Noble Grand in the Initiatory degree for the 1st time - hats off to all that have done that part before - most challenging.

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ASCE wins distinguished chapter



Once again a member (**Christopher Steinbach**) of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 (IOOF) is recognized along with his classmates for receiving a several special awards. Below is the a brief explanation of the awards.

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student chapter at Missouri S&T was awarded the 2022 ASCE Distinguished Chapter Award for Region 7, which includes Wyoming, Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri. S&T also received a national ASCE Significant Improvement Award.

The ASCE Committee on Student Members recommended S&T for the awards based on activities in the chapter’s 2021 annual report. “ASCE offers our students opportunities for professional development, social and service events, and community partnerships as well as scholarships,” says Dr. Joel Burken, chair of civil, architectural and environmental engineering and faculty advisor for S&T’s ASCE student chapter. “ASCE also conducts the steel bridge and concrete canoe international competitions that S&T students compete in each year. I am proud of what the students in our chapter have accomplished. This is well-deserved recognition.”

ASCE Regional Governor Shawwna Erter, front left, and ASCE President Dr. Dennis Truax, met with ASCE student chapter officers and a divisors at S&T. First row, from left Michael Radlund, Ryan Watts and Christopher. Second row, from left Jacob Fitzpatrick, Brenan Pool and Cameron Zalmanoff. Third row from left, chapter advisor Dr. Joel Burken, St. Louis ASCE Section President John Weiland, and chapter advisor Dr. Kevin McLain.

ASCE sponsors nearly 300 student chapters in the U.S., including 25 in Region 7. Internationally, ASCE has more than 400 student chapters and nearly 32,000 student members. “Having served as an ASCE student chapter faculty advisor for 26 years, I appreciate the hard work and professional dedication of the officers and chapter members at Missouri S&T which led to this recognition,” says Dr. Dennis Truax, national ASCE president. “I had a chance to visit in 2021, and I was impressed with the S&T Team. I am proud of them for persevering during these difficult times of the pandemic, and these accolades are acknowledgement of their success. Keep up the great work, Miners.”

Congratulations to Chris and his classmates for achieving these outstanding awards.

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Mark your calendars for the following events - we will celebrate Mothers Day on May 7th, the annual "Member Remembrance Ceremony" will be on May 21st, our 1st Safety Coffee Break may occur on May 30th if the State gives us the go ahead, another Safety Coffee break July 4th and bowling on July 10th.

If you haven't heard, Walter Sawicki lost both his wife and son within a few weeks of each other. Please keep Walter in your prayers.

Stay dry as Spring showers are upon us. See you at lodge.

Best Wishes,
Jeff Parrotte
Noble Grand

Congratulation to our Grand Secretary

Kenneth D. Higgins

on his retirement from office after three decades of service. His retirement date is May 24, 2022.



Visit Our Website

A copy of this issue of Link-n-Lines can be found on our website. You can also find additional information about lodge activities and copies of pictures of recent events. Check us out, website is at www.ioof-stl.org

**Remember Odd Fellows Objective is
To Improve and Elevate the Character of Mankind**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

MAY

JUNE

Timothy David	10	Joseph Johnson	6
Walter Clifton	12	Palmer Ash	8
Donn Hornberger	12	Connie Curran	18
James Schmerold	13	Nicholas Cichielo	23
Bruce Boeckmann	15	Walter Sawicki	28
Craig Skinner	16		
John Caraker	20		
Peter Cauchon	20		
Elmer Kala III	23		
Edwin Brzezinski	26		
Marion Briggs	28		
Dennis Blast	28		
Rodney Kleine	29		



**Happy Birthday
To My Bestest Friend**



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING

2-19-22	Dennis Fetter	WINNER
3/5/22	Rodney Kleine	WINNER
3/12/22	John Siscel	WINNER
3/19/22	Steve Buchholz	WINNER
3/26/22	Casey Liotta	WINNER
4/2/22	John Siscel	WINNER
4/9/22	Richard Aquilar	WINNER
4/16/22	Bruce Boeckmann	WINNER

Come to a meeting and your name could be on this list.

Sick and Shut-ins

Marion Briggs.....314-773-4421

These are your brothers that are not able to get out because of injury or illness. Give them a call to let them know we are thinking about them.

LODGE OFFICERS

Noble Grand
Jeffrey A. Parrotte.....314-751-3138

Vice Grand.
Jose M. Hernandez.....314-753-3880

Secretary
Robert J. Mayer Sr.....314-278-6065

Financial Secretary
Charles Whisenhunt.....314-494-9416

Treasurer
Richard A. Roesch.....636-931-4829

Special Relief Committee

Richard Aguilar.....314-644-1126
Craig A. Skinner.....314-839-3081
Larry Endicott314-452-8989



MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS

ADDRESS CHANGES



**DON'T FORGET
TO MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR ROSTER**

.....

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER ____ (____) _____

IF YOU HAVE MOVED, CLIP THIS FORM AND MAIL TO;

Robert J. Mayer Sr. - Secretary
St. Louis Lodge No.5, I.O.O.F.
337 Rauhut Ave.
Lemay Mo. 63125

I helped him pick up his books and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to private school before now. I would have never hung out with a private school kid before, but we talked all the way home, and I carried his books. He turned out to be a pretty cool kid. I asked him if he wanted to play football on Saturday with me and my friends. He said yes.

We hung out all weekend, and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him. And my friends thought the same of him. Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are goanna really build some serious muscles with this pile of books everyday!" He just laughed and handed me half the books.

Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were seniors, we began to think about college. Kyle decided on Georgetown, and I was going to Duke. I knew that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem. He was going to be a doctor, and I was going for business on a football scholarship. Kyle was valedictorian of our class. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak.

On graduation day, I saw Kyle. He looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than me and all the girls loved him! Boy, sometimes I was jealous. Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech, so I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!" He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said. As he started his speech, he cleared his throat and began. "Graduation is a time to thank those who helped you make it through those tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach -- but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to someone is the best gift you can give them. I am going to tell you a story." I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his mom wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. "Thankfully, I was saved. My friend saved me from doing the unspeakable."

I heard the gasp go through the crowd as this handsome, popular boy told us all about his weakest moment. I saw his mom and dad looking at me and smiling that same grateful smile. Not until that moment did I realize its depth. Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture, you can change a person's life.

Author Anonymous

Editor's Note:

In reading this story, it reminded me of another story that I learned when I joined Odd Fellows. The story of The Divine lesson of Humanity. A story all mankind should learn.



In memory of our Brothers

who have departed this world since our last Memorial Service. We remember our brothers for the men that they were. All of them will be truly missed. May God bless and keep you always.

Fred	H.	Baerenz	1935-2020
Ronald	P.	Buettner	1939-2019
David	A.	Cummings	1934-2020
David	T.	Dempsey	1972-2021
Ervin	A.	Drewing	1931-2021
Burt		Enfield	1927-2020
Vernon	E.	Goede	1947-2022
Martin	E.	Gruettemeyer	1934-2019
Charlie	A.	Iselin	1931-2021
Peter	A.	Maniscalco	1943-2021
David	W.	Masterson	1925-2020
Michael	A.	Mogran	1941-2020
William	L.	Rayfield	1941-2020
Ernest	L.	Rodgers	1922-2020
Robert	E.	Ruester	1930-2020
Lavern	J.	Sailor	1948-2022
Norman	C.	Schultheis	1938-2021
William	B.	Stephenson Jr.	1928-2020
Samuel	D.	Wilk	1942-2020
Patrick	R.	Yancey	1951-2020



A Flashlight

Think about how a flashlight works. When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries. When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA. attention and affection; some need AAA attention, affection, and acceptance; some need Compassion, ... some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine sit with them quietly and share your light.



Remember some people need

- AA. Attention and Affection.
- AAA. Attention, Affection, and Acceptance.
- C. Compassion
- D. Direction.



THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

The Financial Secretary wishes to remind the members, that Lodge Dues are due on January 1, 2022. Our annual dues are now \$50.00 a year. Members who fail to pay their dues will lose their membership benefits and will not be permitted to attend any lodge activities. (such as Picnic, Banquet etc.:) If you are having financial problems paying your dues, please contact Charles Whisenhunt for further information at **314-494-9416**.

PLEASE NOTE: It is also requested that if at any time you have any bills, or other financial transactions with the lodge please contact the Financial Secretary approximately 30 minutes prior to refreshments on Saturday so that he can give you the attention needed.

Grumpy Pharmacist



Upon arriving home, a husband was met at the door by his sobbing wife. Tearfully she explained, "It's the pharmacist. He insulted me terribly this morning on the phone. I had to call multiple times before he would even answer the phone."

Immediately, the husband drove downtown to confront the pharmacist and demand an apology.

Before he could say more than a word or two, the pharmacist told him, "Now, just a minute, listen to my side of it. This morning the alarm failed to go off, so I was late getting up. I went without breakfast and hurried out to the car, just to realize that I'd locked the house with both house and car keys inside and had to break a window to get my keys."

"Then, driving a little too fast, I got a speeding ticket. Later, when I was about three blocks from the store, I had a flat tire."

"When I finally got to the store a bunch of people were waiting for me to open up. I got the store opened and started waiting on these people, all the time the darn phone was ringing."

He continued, "Then I had to break a roll of coins against the cash register drawer to make change, and they spilled all over the floor. I had to get down on my hands and knees to pick up the coins, and the phone was still ringing. When I came up I cracked my head on the open cash drawer, which made me stagger back against a showcase with a bunch of perfume bottles on it. Half of them hit the floor and broke."

"Meanwhile, the phone is still ringing with no let up, and I finally got back to answer it. It was your wife. She wanted to know how to use a rectal thermometer! Sir, as God is my witness, all I did was tell her how to use it".



Happy Easter to everyone. St. Louis Lodge No. 5 held it's annual Easter Dinner for members and their guest on Saturday, April 16, 2022. So by the time you read this, if you were not there you missed a great time. Dinner was delicious and everyone had a great social time. While the members were having their meeting, the ladies were playing bingo winning money. To help celebrate Easter, everyone went home with a Chocolate Bunny. (O Boy) Hope to see you next time.



No I will not let you cut in



Is the Easter Bunny really coming?



Is the Easter Bunny bringing candy?



Bouncer's to control the party



Ok if your going to cry I'll let you in



Where's the dance floor?



This is where the cool people sit. When's happy hour



Ha Ha, it works every time.



I sure hope these guys can cook.



What kind of pizza are we having?



Hi there



Hi, I'm the Easter Bunny in disguise and I'm lost.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Mothers Day Dinner

St. Louis Lodge No. 5 invites you and a guest to our annual Mothers Day Dinner on

May 7, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

at

**350 North Valley Dell Dr.
Fenton, Missouri 63026**