



### Refreshments and Activities at Your Lodge

Because of ongoing Special Circumstances, the lodge meetings times have been changed. All refreshments served at 6:00 P.M. except when otherwise noted. All meeting are at 7:00 P.M.

November 28, 2020	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00am</b> Refreshments – Bagels & Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
December 5, 2020	<b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potatoe Salad, Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
December 12, 2020	<b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Deli Sandwiches, with Misc. Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
December 19, 2020	<b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Meatloaf, Green Beans, Mash Potatoes, Bread, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
December 26, 2020	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00am</b> Refreshments – Bagels & Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
January 2, 2021	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00am</b> Refreshments – Danish Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water







# LINK-N-LINES

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## YEAR 2020



This year will go down in the history books as the year of the pandemic. St. Louis Lodge No. 5 has had to cancel all outside activities, the picnic, Safety Coffee Break, the banquet and so on. One bright spot is that the new building will be ready for us on December 5, 2020, Past Grands Night. The officers of Lodge No. 5 realize we may have too many attending or too little. That's why we are asking all members who want to attend to contact Jeff Parrotte to make reservations. This will allow the Vice Grand information on preparing enough refreshments. There will not be any gifts this year. We are hoping for a good year in 2021, that we return to a normal schedule.

For those coming to the new building, it's straight down Highway 30 about a mile and a half south of Gravois Bluffs. There is a highway sign for North Valley Dell exit where you will make a right if your coming from the south. We are the building directly behind Enterprise Leasing. There is adequate parking, you will see yellow posts around the front of the building with the entrance close to where you come in.

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### A Message From Our Noble Grand Officers and Members

Greetings to all!

I don't know about you, but I am glad the year is coming to a close! What with the closing of our old building, the process of a new building being prepared, no activities, and the loss of a few members.

The new lodge building is ready! There is a time change in that evening meetings will be at 7pm with refreshments at 6pm. We look forward to seeing everyone! Hope that you make the best of the Holidays despite and within whatever restrictions that are mandated.

Happy Holidays to all!

Francis X. LaVar

## How to safely celebrate Christmas in St. Louis

### *A Christmas Carol' virtual reading*

Several St. Louis celebrities are coming together next month for a virtual reading of “A Christmas Carol.” Metro theater Company is offering the virtual event to help keep the community connected during a holiday season that has been “transformed by the COVID-19 pandemic.” More than 25 “outstanding St. Louisans” will serve as the readers for the broadcast, each contributing excerpts on camera. So far, the lineup includes:

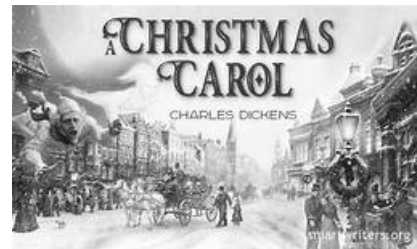
- Ellie Kemper, Emmy-nominated actress
- Paul Goldschmidt, St. Louis Cardinals player
- Judith Ivey, Tony Award-winning actress
- John Mozeliak, St. Louis Cardinals president of baseball operations
- Christine Brewer, Grammy Award-winning soprano
- Ken Page, film, stage and voice actor
- Aisha Sultan, columnist and St. Louis Post-Dispatch editor
- Jamie Rahn, St. Louis-based American Ninja Warrior
- Julius B. Anthony, president of the St. Louis Black Authors of Children’s Literature
- Mark Levine, medical director for the St. Louis Fire Department

The virtual reading will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 and 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 13. The public can register for the event for free or make a donation.

### *Grant's Farm*

Grant’s Farm is hosting a drive-thru holiday event for the season. Earlier this year, Grant’s Farm hosted a Halloween drive-thru event and organizers said it was a huge success. “We wanted to continue the seasonal excitement for guests from St. Louis and the surrounding region by inviting them to experience the magic of Grant’s Farm during the holidays,” said Jeff Knapper, Director of Heritage at Anheuser-Busch. The event will be held from Nov. 27 through Dec. 31. It will cost \$40 per car.

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## A socially distant holiday season How to safely celebrate Christmas in St. Louis

### **From socially distant story times with Santa to light displays, here are some ways to celebrate the season amid the pandemic**

**ST. LOUIS** — Like most things this year, the Christmas season may look a little different due to the coronavirus pandemic. St. Louisans may be looking for ways to celebrate the season at a distance to keep loved ones safe.

During Halloween, a few counties in the area released tips on how to celebrate safely and several events adapted to being socially distant and mask mandated. Many Christmas events in the St. Louis area will also be adapting to those changes.

### **Here are some ways you can celebrate the season safely.**

**Saint Louis Zoo 'Wild Lights'** The “Wild Lights” experience at the Saint Louis Zoo is back for the holiday season. The event will be a little different this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. Guests must register for a time slot when purchasing tickets.

The event will be held from 5-8:30 p.m. Nov. 27-Jan. 2. Select nights include: Nov. 27-29, Dec. 2-6, Dec. 9-23 and Dec. 26-Jan 2. Two admission time slots will be available for each evening of lights. Guests must choose between the 5-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. slots.

**Winter Wonderland at Tilles Park** Winter Wonderland at Tilles Park is still happening this year, but with a few changes. Guests will not be able to walk through the lights due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in the St. Louis area. "We know this will come as an enormous disappointment, but we support the decision of our public health experts," St. Louis County Parks wrote on Facebook.

If you had tickets for the walk through, MetroTix will contact you to issue full refunds. Winter Wonderland will still be open to cars and carriage rides.

### **Lot of Lights**

The Family Arena is transforming into a ‘Lot of Lights’ this holiday season. The drive-thru event will feature lasers, holograms, projection mapping and millions of lights. The holiday show will be featured at the Family Arena from Nov. 27 through Jan. 2. Hours for the show are 5:30-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 5:30-11 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Tickets for the show are \$25 per car and will go on sale on Oct. 2.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS**

**DECEMBER**

Michael Barcus	12
Erick Kern	17
Joshua Mayer	31
Eugene Burnett	1
Gerhard Hentschke	2
Michael Herman	6
Richard Aguilar	7
Pete Cauchon	9
Cameron Wicks	10
Stephen Carr Jr.	16
John Dempsey Jr.	19
Bradford Glielorst	24
Raymond Westhouse	26
Chris Jones	28
John Singer	30
Liuther McClellan	31



**MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING**

10-31	John Eckert	WINNER
11-07	Bob Mayer Sr.	WINNER
11-14	Rodney Kleine	WINNER
11-21	Rick Roesch	WINNER

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

**Sick and Shut-ins**

**Marion Briggs.....314-773-4421**  
**Ervin Drowing.....314-865-3894**  
**Charles Iselin.....314-664-3462**  
**Walter J. Clifton.....314-701-1726**

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**  
 Frances X. LaVar.....314-607-6380  
**Vice Grand.**  
 Thomas Moser.....314-478-6045  
**Secretary**  
 Robert J. Mayer Sr.....314-771-2652  
**Financial Secretary**  
 Charles Whisenhunt.....314-353-3542  
**Treasurer**  
 Richard A. Roesch.....636-931-4829

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Richard Aguilar.....314-644-1126  
 Craig A. Skinner.....314-839-3081  
 Lee T. Rauhut.....314-521-3302



**MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS**

**ADDRESS CHANGES**



**New Address Information**

Richard Dumont, 14525 Clayton Road,  
 Apt. 312, Ballwin, Mo. 63011-2763  
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**New Address Information**

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 Florissant, Mo. 63033  
 Telephone No. 314-609-0875

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

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**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.  
 3952 Tholozan Ave.  
 St. Louis, Mo. 63116



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Word of caution, directly behind Enterprise, facing the chain link fence are 9 parking spaces that belong to Enterprise so don't park there. Hope to see you all soon.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**DUES INCREASE**

The reason for the dues increases in 2021 came about from a increase of Per Capita Dues from Sovereign Grand Lodge. The amount we now pay to Grand Lodge is \$36.50 that meant under the old dues of \$40.00, only \$3.50 went into Lodge No. 5 treasury. The membership then voted to increase the dues for 2021.

**VOTING CHANGES**

Another change from Sovereign Grand Lodge is how Grand Lodge officers are elected. They have mandated that all Grand Lodge officers are elected at session by the Representatives and not by the general membership. This affects Past Grands night where we normally have Grand Lodge ballots, the Past Grands sign for them and they are tallied at the end of the meeting and sent to Grand Lodge to be counted in February. Lodge No. 5 still elects a Representative to Grand Lodge for a two-year term. Why this change, Sovereign Grand Lodge stated most voting in the field do not know the candidate(s), normally the Representatives do. This will mean changes for the Grand Lodge By-Laws and our By-Laws.

Robert J. Mayer Sr.  
Secretary

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## **DID YOU KNOW ?????**

All cities have developed their own slang for certain phrases. Out of towners are quick to notice but, natives of St. Louis aren't even aware of the differences. Here are some phrases that will make you swear St. Louisans have their own language:

**"Going to the Landing"**

Don't worry if you hear you're going to the Landing. You won't spend the day watching airplanes touch down. You're going to "Laclede's Landing" on the Riverfront which consists of St. Louis dining and nightlife.

**"You wanna throw some warshers?"**

Well this sure seems like a weird question. First of all, when we say "warsh" we mean wash. It's the same when we say "warsher," we mean washer. When we say we wanna throw some "warshers" we don't mean anything Maytag. "Warshers" is a really fun game and we like to drink beer and barbeque when we play it.

**"The Bootheel"**

When we speak of "the bootheel" we mean the bottom Southeast corner of Missouri.

**"Go to the boat"**

In St. Louis when we say "go to the boat" we don't mean for a ride on the river. "The boat" is one of the several casinos in and around St. Louis.

**"I go to SLU"**

When we refer to SLU we either mean St. Louis University College or St. Louis University Hospital.

**"The Loop"**

When we talk about "The Loop" we mean the Delmar loop in U-City (University City). "The Loop" is a really awesome area in St. Louis with great food, live music, and unique shops.

**"She must be from Jeffco"**

When we refer to someone as "being from Jeffco," we mean Jefferson County on the other side of the Meramec River.

**"We are having a beer in Dogtown"**

Dogtown is the Irish part of St. Louis. There are lots of great pubs and little family-owned grocery stores.

In St. Louis, we are so used to saying these things it always surprises us when someone from out of town doesn't understand what we're saying.



# ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

## Membership Dues



Due to an increase mandated by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Dues for St. Louis Lodge No. 5 will be **increased to \$50.00** per year effective **January 1, 2021.**



**The Financial Secretary** has requested that we remind the members, that Lodge Dues are due on January 1, 2021. 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 **314-353-3542.**

**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 at approximately 9:00 am on Saturday so that he can give you the attention needed.



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## Past Grands Night

The meeting of December 5, 2020, will be Past Grands Night and is open to all. If you plan on attending Past Grands Night, please notify Jeff Parrotte at [japarrotte@gmail.com](mailto:japarrotte@gmail.com) or call 314-751-3138



## 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](http://www.ioof-stl.org)**



## ODD FELLOWS BUILDING AT 3765 LINDELL

For those who may or may not know it. St. Louis Lodge No. 5 (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) building was located at 3765 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, Mo. for approximately 100 years. Although this was not our first building. We move in there in 1921, I think it's pretty good for staying in one place for a while.

But ever since we sold and moved out of our building we were told that they were going to tear it down. I and others have been wondering what was going to be put up in it's place. Well with the help of our secretary Bob Mayer Sr. a rendering picture of the proposed new building has been discovered. Below are two pictures, the one on the left is our old building and the one on the right is the projected new building.



Old Odd Fellows Building  
3765 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, Mo.



New Apartment Building  
3765 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, Mo.

Well it's finally happen. Our new building located at 350 North Valley Dell Dr., Fenton, Mo. is done except for putting things away. We will be holding our first evening meeting on December 5, 2020. (Past Grand Night). Below are a few pictures of what it currently looks like.



The New Three Links Building

