

Refreshments and Activity

Refreshments and Activities at Your Lodge All refreshments served at 6:30 P.M. except when otherwise noted All meetings are at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted All menus are subject to change	
December 14, 2019	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Cold Cuts with Cheese Sandwiches, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
December 21, 2019 Adult Christmas Party	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Roast Beef, Pork Tenderloin, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Salad, Rolls Dessert, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water <i>Adult Christmas Party</i>
December 28, 2019	<u>Morning Meeting 9:00am</u> Refreshments – Bagels & Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
January 4, 2020	<u>Morning Meeting 9:00am</u> Refreshments – Breakfast Sandwiches Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
January 11, 2020	<u>Initiatory Degree 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Fried Chicken, Coleslaw, Potato Salad Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
January 18, 2020	<u>Morning Meeting 9:00am</u> Refreshments – Breakfast Sandwiches Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
January 18, 2020	<u>Installation of New Officers 7:30pm. Dinner 6:30pm</u> Refreshments – Open face Sliced Pork, Mash Potatoes, Mix Vegetables, Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
January 25, 2020	<u>First Degree 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Pasta Con Broccoli, with Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
February 1, 2020	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Beef Stew with French Bread Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water





LINK-N-LINES





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January—February 2020



Carroll R. White Jr.

Working on the Link-n-Line is always a challenge, trying to pick stories or article's that are of interest to the members is always my goal. I want the members to enjoy the issues

coming out. One of the stories that I try to do in each issue, is a short background on a member of St. Louis No. 5. So, recently while talking to several members about who to write about. It was suggested that I write about myself. I tried to make excuses, but each time I was shot down by my Brothers/Friends who said (put up or shut up). So I will try putting up and telling you a short store about me.

My name is Carroll Raymond White Jr. (Ray for short) and I was born on the 30th of March, 1951 in St. Louis, Missouri next to my mommy so I would not get cold. My parents were Carroll Raymond White Sr. (Big Ray for short) and Rose White (Mom for short). Both of my parents have been deceased for many years. Mom and Dad both died from lung cancer which was the result of smoking their adult life. Maybe that's why I avoided that bad habit.

My early childhood was a typical lower class environment of the 1950's. My dad worked as a construction worker and truck driver and my mom was a stay at home mother. I had a happy, normal childhood, I was the second oldest of seven children.

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A Message From Our Noble Grand

Officers and Members

Greetings members! I hope that this message finds you well. Winter is coming. If you didn't make it to Lodge these past couple of months you missed some nice activities. Thanksgiving dinner, Past Grand's Dinner, the Children's Christmas Party and Christmas dinner. It has been a pleasure to serve as Noble Grand this past year.

This lodge has some dedicated and hard working members that take care of the Lodge's business. They really make the Noble Grand's job easy. 2020 will bring some changes to our lodge. If you haven't heard the lodge building on Lindell has been sold, a new building was purchased in Fenton, Missouri. You can check out the new building on our website at www.stl-ioof.org. I'm sure updates will be posted when available.

We also could use your help on degree nights in order to bring new members up through the degrees. The more members that attend, the easier it is to put on the degrees. You can volunteer to learn a speaking part in one of the degrees. All help will be appreciated.

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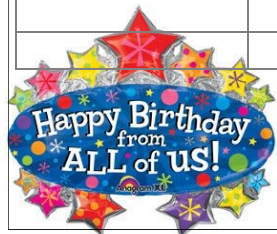
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Adam Davidson	9
Alexander Holleberg	11
Ian Bacich	9
Stephen Carr Sr.	8
J. Dodson	18
William Jimas	9
Dennis Lipski	6
Elmer Marz	2
Andrew Oberman	9
Philip Petersen	26
Fred Plough	24
Donald Proehl	16
Jwamer Rasheed	1
Edward Rayfield	20
Kenneth Rogers	7
Nicholas Rogers	1
Steven Throm	10

Thomas Amos	10
Kurt Bayless	18
Robert Carr	6
Charles Ems	11
Ken Hermann	2
Charles Iselin	3
Art Matthews	17
Tom Moser	16
William Neighbors	7
Michael Singer III	28
John Sisco III	27
Theodor Walter	6
Charles Whisenhunt	1
Daniel White	4



Reminder

For those of you that don't know it. We have some handicap supplies that can be loaned to you. If you are in need of a walker, cane, crutches, potty chair, shower bench or wheel chair, see one of the lodge officers for more information.

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING

10-26	Pete Cauchon	WINNER
11-2	Patrick Yancey	WINNER
11-9	Jeffery Parrotte	WINNER
11-16	Tom Moser	WINNER
11-23	John Eckert	WINNER
11-30	Francis LaVar	WINNER
12-7	Richard Aguilar	WINNER
12-14	Norm Schultheis	WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

William B. Stephenson Jr314-342-1436
Marion Briggs.....314-773-4421
Ervin Drawing.....314-865-3894

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
 Michael J. Campbell.....901-606-7128

Vice Grand
 Frances X. LaVar.....314-607-6380

Secretary
 Robert J. Mayer Sr.....314-771-2652

Financial Secretary
 Charles Whisenhunt.....314-353-3542

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

Special Relief Committee

Richard Aguilar314-644-1126
 Craig A. Skinner.....314-839-3081
 Lee T. Rauhut.....314-521-3302



MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS /TELEPHONE CHANGES



New Members Information

Change of Address

Richard E. Dumont
 8518 Titchfield Ct. Apt. 8
 St. Louis, Mo. 63123-1256
 314-270-3930

Change of Address

Kenneth Rodgers
 427 Benjamin Lane
 Waterloo, Il. 62298
 618-939-3099

**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.
 3765 Lindell Blvd.
 St. Louis, Mo. 63108-3411

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My mom and dad divorced when I was in my early teens and both later remarried. My dad married 2 more times until his death. My mom would later remarry a guy called Al. My stepdad Al became part of my life and we maintained close until his death during a robbery in Sylmar California. Growing up with split parents was difficult because my dad had moved back to Missouri while my mom remained in California where we had moved some years before my parents divorced. As you can probably imagine having six brothers and sisters was interesting to say the least. There was always something going on in our family. Finally, I finish high school without incident, graduating from Sylmar High School in Sylmar California at the ripe old age of 17. Not knowing what I wanted to do in life because college was not in the future as my parents nor I could afford it.

One day while talking to my stepdad "Al" he recommended that military service might be an option until I decide what I really wanted to do. After inquiring into the options of military service. I decided to join the United States Army and was sent to a place of Sun and Sand called Fort Ord, near Monterey California. I used to watch TV and see people running on the beach where it was sunny and thought it was nice. Boy did I learn that what I thought was cool was not what the Army had in mine. We ran on the beaches, but in boots and full gear and in the rain. I couldn't wait to do it every day (morning and night, ha, ha). After completing my training, I was sent overseas and at the expense of the military, I got that education that I always wanted. I also got to visit many different countries including Viet Nam during my years in the military. What stands out the most about my time in the army are the extremes that you are subjected to. Some of my happiest memories and some of my worst memories come from my time in the army. One thing that I am sure of is that it shaped me to become the man that I am now. The army really taught me the real meaning to Friendship, Love and Truth. When I finally returned to what we old soldiers called home, (meaning the United States). I realized that I had been in the military for over 20 years. During that time, I had married my high school sweetheart, but it didn't work out for many reasons. After returning to St. Louis, I decided to get out of the military and try staying home (St. Louis) for a while. With the advice of some friends, I went to work for a local police department. My military experience definitely made the police academy much easier for me. I was already conditioned to withstand the extreme stress of the police academy. After 6 months, of training. I graduated from the academy and was assigned as a police rookie in training for the Patrol Division. My field training period went quickly, it became immediately clear to me that I had made the right career choice. The excitement of being a police officer lived up to all my expectations. The job only got better as I became more experienced, leading to more confidence that I could handle the job regardless of what came along.

During my career in law enforcement I have had opportunities to work in many different fields with in the Police Department. I learned that if you worked hard you will have opportunities to do many different things. As a result of these opportunities, I continued to gained knowledge and experience in many areas related to law enforcement. I even had the opportunity to teach at the local Police Academies where I met many young ambitious officers. Just to show you that you never know what the day will bring. Early in my police career I was assigned as a Foot Patrolman, walking a beat in a business/residential neighborhood. On a hot day during the summer, I decided to stop in a business to get a cold drink and while there I met a beautiful woman. As a result of stopping for that cold drink. I have been happily married to my wife Susie for 43 years and we are the proud parents of our daughter Kim. In 2010, the time came again for me to retire, this time from the police department as a Lieutenant. My time in the department is one that I will always remember just like my army days. I will miss my friends and coworkers, but not the violence. In 2011, Sam Wilk a longtime friend recommended that I join a group called Odd Fellows. He said that the members were a great group of guys and that the lodge did a lot of activities and since I was retired, I would have plenty of time to participate. So in July of 2011, I joined St. Louis Lodge No. 5 I.O.O.F. and since that time I have had the pleasure of serving in many different positions/jobs. During both of my careers, I have met many people and been many places. I would like to think that during that time I have made new friends and hope to make more.



ATTENTION MEMBERS



The Financial Secretary has requested that we remind the members, that Lodge Dues will be due on January 1, 2020 and must be paid. Our annual dues are \$40.00 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.) Your annual dues contribution helps support the lodge. So remember to **PAY YOUR DUES**. 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 6:00 pm so that he can give you the attention needed.

St. Louis Lodge No. 5 helpings others



Thanks to the
International Order of Odd Fellows
for supporting the
Saint Louis Crisis Nursery!

**The Saint Louis Crisis Nursery
is committed to preventing
child abuse and neglect.**

How Does the Crisis Nursery Help?

Parents bring children to one of five Nursery sites for 2-4 days **free of charge and on a voluntary basis**. While there, the children receive a medical exam, nutritious meals, trauma-informed care, and take-home necessities. Parents receive crisis counseling, in-home visits, and parent education groups at one of ten outreach centers.

The Crisis Nursery provides care **24 hours a day, 365 days a year**, serving families throughout the greater St. Louis, St. Charles, Southern Illinois and surrounding regions. The Crisis Nursery is an independent, not-for-profit agency.

In 33 years we have served over **120,000 children**. For more information go to www.CrisisNurseryKids.org

**Your generosity will make the world
a safer place for our little ones.**

"You mean all this food is just for me?"

Seven-year-old Daniel was at the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery with his little brother and sister. They had been living in the car with their mother for three days before she called the Crisis Nursery.



Mom dropped the children at the Crisis Nursery while she went to secure permanent housing, using resources given to her by Crisis Nursery Staff.

The counselor at the Nursery put a plate of food in front of Daniel at dinner time, and he immediately began dividing it to share with his siblings.

The counselor told Daniel that his brother and sister would each get their own plate, and he did not have to share.

Daniel couldn't believe it. The counselor could see Daniel's face brighten as the weight of concern and responsibility was lifted from his little seven-year-old shoulders.

At the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery, we let kids just be kids while we help the grown-ups work through whatever crisis is occurring in the family.

Supporting families and preventing child abuse since 1986—



Saint Louis Crisis Nursery

www.CrisisNurseryKids.org

Noble Grand (Continued from page 1)

As always we would love to hear from you. We give a report every week on members who are ill or in distress. If you are unable to attend meetings due to health or other issues please let us know. We also report on members that are healthy and doing well. It is just nice to know how you are doing. Feel free to drop me an email (michedad@charter.net) or a message on my cell phone 902-606-7128. I keep a pretty full schedule these days, but I will return your call.

May God Bless and keep you all.
Michael Campbell
Noble Grand



The Lesson of Growing Good Corn

There was a Nebraska farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon...

One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn." He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves.

So it is in our world. Those who choose to be at peace must help their neighbors to be at peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn. (by helping others we help our self)

Source:Indianchild.com



FROM OUR SECRETARY

Congratulations to Brother Francis x. Levar on being elected Noble Grand for 2020. Also, congratulations to Brother Thomas J. Moser who was elected as Vice Grand for 2020. Brother C. Ray white retains the office of Grand Lodge Representative and was elected Trustee of St. Louis lodge No. 5. He also retains the office of editor of the Link-n-Lines.

It is with a bit of sadness that we see Brother Craig A. Skinner who was Lodge No. 5 trustee and President of the Odd Fellows Hall Company, depart. As he is no longer a trustee, his office of president is forfeited. The Hall Company will surely miss his departure; he was a trustee for almost 10 years and president for five years. This was his decision.

For those of you who don't know and should know, the Odd Fellow's Hall Company holds and watches over the investments of three member organizations, Lodge No. 5, Wildey lodge no. 2 and Wildey Encampment No. 1. The interest from these investments pays for the upkeep of the triple links building with the unused balance going to the member lodges. Hence we have special and regular distributions; the specials are used to run the building.

The St. Louis Odd Fellows Association owns and maintains the Triple Links building using the funds coming back as specials. The same set-up will be used for the new building.

The board of directors for both the Odd Fellow's Hall Company and the St. Louis Odd Fellows Association come from the three member lodges and must be duly elected trustees of the lodge they represent. There are five from Lodge No 5, 3 each from Wildey Lodge No. 2 and Wildey Encampment No. 1. Both organizations are registered corporations.



Odd Fellows Creed

Genuine Friendship, which hears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, is the first step toward progress and personal enrichment, and the teachings of Temperance, Prudence, and Justice.

Love is the basis for all life's ambitions, service to humanity, and more family oriented.

Truth, the imperial virtue, promotes economic stability, equality under law, freedom of enterprise, the highest of ethical standards, and lasting peace, the ultimate goal of fraternity.



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES



Dates for 2020

- Monday, May 18, 2020
- Friday, July 17, 2020
- Friday, September 4, 2020
- Thursday, October 15, 2020



Ronald McDonald House Charities for the Family Dinner Program! This program is a way of being able to provide a hot meal or a quick snack is one of the most important ways we can help those we serve, feel they are truly staying at their home-away-from-home.

Having one less worry (a decision on where to eat dinner) is a valuable benefit to families who are focusing all of their energies on their sick child. Brother Gio Mangiore who has been tasked with coordinating the dates for St. Louis lodge No. 5 to provide meals. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Brother Gio for further information.



Happy New Year - 2020



IMPORTANT DATES

January 4, 2020	Morning Meeting	09:00am
January 11, 2020	Initiatory Degree	7:30pm
January 18, 2020	Morning Meeting	9:00am
January 18, 2020	Installation of New Officers	7:30pm
January 25, 2020	First Degree	7:30pm
February 1, 2020	Regular Meeting	7:30pm



New Lodge Pin

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 it out, our website is at www.ioof-stl.org

RECENT ACTIVITY



On Saturday, December 7, 2019 members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 again held it's annual Children Christmas Party. This year, the party was held at the Rose Hill Masonic Temple. The children were not only treated to a Magic Show, but received snacks and drinks. The children then were visited by Santa Clause and received their own special gift from him.



Santa and his girls



Baby Sitters "oh boy"



Great Magic Show



Lodge Families



I love this job



Honest, Santa I've been good



The love of children



Our future



Now that's what I call a picture



On Saturday, December 21, 2019 members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 held their Annual Charity Presentation. Representatives from the Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald Children Foundation, James S. McDonald USO, MaryGrove Children Foundation, Lydia' House, Feed-My-People and Cardinal Glennon Children Foundation MOChip, Honor Flight, Visions for Vets, Camp Rainbow, Friends of Kids with Cancer, and Crisis Nursery were invited to the evening activities at the Three Links Lodge Building to receive donations on behalf of the members and the Robertson Benevolent Fund. To see pictures go to our web site at www.ioof-stl.org



MEMBERS HOLIDAY PARTY



On Saturday, December 7, 2019, St. Louis Lodge No. 5 held their Annual Adult Christmas Party at the Three Links Lodge Building. The members and their guest enjoyed a great dinner and fun fellowship. To see pictures go to our web site at www.ioof-stl.org

