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ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. .5, I.O.O.F. 350 NORTH VALLEY DELL DR. FENTON, MO. 63026 JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2021

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.

January 9, 2021	<u>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</u> Refreshments – Chili 3-ways, Hotdogs, Crackers, Cheese, Onions Fritos, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
January 16, 2021	<u>Morning Meeting 10:00am</u> Refreshments – Breakfast Sandwiches Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
(Saturday Night) January 16, 2021	<u>Installation of New Officers 7:00pm</u> Refreshments – Open Face Roast Beef Sandwiches, peas, Desert: Cake, Bread (Rye & White)
January 23, 2021	<u>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</u> Refreshments – Brats, & Sauerkraut, Shoe Strings Potato chips Buns, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
January 30, 2021	<u>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</u> Refreshments – Vegetable Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches with Potato Chips, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
February 6, 2021	<u>Initiatory Degree 7:00 P.M.</u> Refreshments – Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Rolls Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
February 13, 2021	<u>Valentine Dinner 7:00 P.M.</u> Refreshments - Roast Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Salad, Desert: Cherry & Apple Pie, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
February 20, 2021	<u>First Degree</u> Refreshments – Mexican Surprise Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
February 27, 2021	<u>Morning Meeting 10:00am</u> Refreshments – Bagles & Danishes Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water

2020 LODGE FACTS



This year had good and bad components. Here are the facts, I will let you decide as to what kind of year it was.

- JANUARY** Noble Grand Francis Lavar is installed along with Brother Thomas Moser as Vice Grand, Brother William B. Stephenson passes.
- FEBRUARY** Brother Larry M. Endicott is initiated into our Order. Brother Patrick Yancey Passes.
- MARCH** Brothers Michael Moran, Timothy David and Wyatt Wooden are initiated Into our Order. A letter is received from Grand Master allowing lodges to cancel meetings due to the pandemic. The Easter Dinner is cancelled.
- APRIL** The date for the annual picnic is delayed due to the virus. The lodge meets for the last time on Lindell Blvd. on April 25, 2020. All furnishings moved to storage. All meetings for the foreseeable future are for Officers Only. The next meeting is at the Five Star Senior Center. Brothers David Cummings, Bert Enfield and Ernest Rodgers passes.



A Message From Our Noble Grand Officers and Members

Greetings to all!

Looking back over my year, I am glad we were able to meet. It was good to get out for the morning meetings we held. Though my year lacked the activities and events.

I feel confident that are newest Noble Grand will be able to make the best of our current conditions and continue our move forward. I want to thank my fellow officers for the support given me throughout the year.

Best wishes to all!

Francis LaVar
Noble Grand



Friendship, Love & Truth

2020 LODGE FACTS *(Continued on page 1)*

- MAY First Safety Coffee Break at Bloomsdale is cancelled. Work is started on new building after permits obtained. Ronald McDonald House cancels dinners, a \$200.00 donation is sent. The Annual Session of the Grand Lodge is cancelled. New Grand Lodge officers installed in a private ceremony in Rolla, Missouri. Word received that Past Grand Robert Ruester had passed.
- JUNE The second Safety Coffee Break is cancelled, the annual picnic is rescheduled for August. Brothers Michael Morgan and Leroy Rayfield passes.
- JULY Annual banquet cancelled due to restrictions on attendance. Lodge continues to meet at Five Star Senior Center for officers only. Brother Ray White commissioned Deputy Grand Master by Grand Master Gene Collins.
- AUG. The third and final Safety Coffee Break of 2020 is cancelled. The annual banquet and picnic are cancelled. Lodge votes to erect a "pole barn" at the new building. Word received that the Sovereign Grand Lodge will not meet this year. All officers are being held over until 2021. Grand Lodge of Missouri will hold over present officers until 2022. Brother David Masterson passes.
- SEPT. Lodge is still meeting at Five Star Senior Center. Lodge donates \$1,000.00 to Five Star Senior Center for repairs to building. November 8, 2020 set as date for Fun Bowling Tournament. Brother Fred Baerenz passes.
- OCT. Lodge No. 5 donates new tables and chairs for new building. Lodge invests \$100,000.00 in new stock purchases. Lodge Children Christmas party is cancelled. Lodge starting time is changed to 7:00 P.M. when we move into new building. Brother Sam Wilk passes.
- NOV. Lodge meets for last time at the Five Star Senior Center on November 21, 2020. The new building passes occupancy inspection. Fun Bowling Tournament is cancelled. Lodge meets for first time in new building on November 28, 2020. Lodge opens up meetings to all members starting on Past Grands night, December 5, 2020.
- DEC. Brother Thomas Moser is elected as Noble Grand for 2021. Brother Jeff Parrotte is the new Vice Grand. Donations made to various Charities totaling \$138,000.00 from both Lodge No. 5 treasury and the Robertson Benevolent Fund. Morning meetings held on 12/26 and 1/2/21.

Information provided by Robert Mayer Sr. Secretary

The fun of Driving in St. Louis

If you live in St Louis you'll understand this. If you've ever visited St. Louis you'll understand this. If you've never been to St. Louis consider this your Visitor's Guide to Driving in St. Louis.

1. There are 75 "unofficial neighborhoods" in the City of St. Louis. St. Louisans commonly give directions--especially for restaurants--to strangers based on these neighborhoods, which aren't marked on any maps that are handed out by the tourist board, the AAA or MapQuest .
2. There are 54 school districts--on the Missouri side alone--each of which has their own school bus system with scheduled times to block traffic. There are 91 official municipalities in St. Louis County. Each municipality has its own rules and regulations, and often their own police departments.
3. Any car parked longer than 4 hours in the city is considered a parts store.
4. Laclede Station Road, McCausland, Lindbergh, Watson, Reavis Barracks, Fee Fee, McKnight, Airport Road , Midland, McKelvey, and Olive mysteriously change names as you cross intersections. Additionally, Manchester which is also Choteau, and Dr. M.L. King which is also St. Charles Rock Road (although it no longer goes to St. Charles).
5. Gravois Road, Spoede and Chouteau can only be pronounced by St. Louis natives. (Highway 40 is pronounced as "farty.")
6. A St. Louisan from South County has never been to North County and vice versa. West County just has everything delivered.
7. No native St. Louisan knows that Lindbergh runs from South County to North County. And if you tell them, they will not believe.
8. Lindbergh belongs to every neighborhood except Kirkwood, who had the nerve to creatively change the name to Kirkwood Road. (Which may be the reason for number). Never ever try to cross a bridge in St. Louis during rush hour unless you have a sack lunch and a port-a-potty in the car.
- 9 "Yield" signs are for decoration only. No native St. Louisan will ever grasp the concept. (Actually, the drivers who are supposed to yield will not, and the drivers who are not supposed to yield will wait politely for the ones who are supposed to yield, so it all works out.)
10. If someone actually has their turn signal on, it is probably a factory defect, or has been on for the last 17 miles.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Alexander Holleberger	11	Thomas Amos	11
Ian Bacich	9	Kurt Bayless	18
Stephen Carr Sr.	8	Robert Carr	6
Alan Davidson	9	Charles Ems	11
J. Dodson	18	Kenneth Herrmann	2
Dennis Lipski	6	Charles Iselin	3
Andrew Oberman	9	Art Matthews	17
Philip Petersen	26	Thomas Moser	16
Fred Plough	24	William Neighbors	7
Donald Proehl	16	Michael Singer III	28
Kenneth Rogers	7	John Siscel III	27
Nicholas Rogers	1	Charles Whisenhunt	1
Steven Throm	10	Daniel White	4



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING

11-7	Bob Mayer Sr.	WINNER
11-14	Rodney Kleine	WINNER
11-21	Rick Roesch	WINNER
11-28	Norman Schultheis	WINNER
12-5	Charles Alexander	WINNER
12-12	Lavern Sailor	WINNER
12-19	Rodney Kleine	WINNER
12-26	Dennis Lipski	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
Norman Schultheis.....314-487-9960

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

Special Relief Committee

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



MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS

ADDRESS CHANGES



Dennis Fetter
 11197 Yorkhouse Trail
 St. Louis, Mo. 63127

**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



HAPPY NEW YEAR



St. Louis Lodge No. 5 would like to wish every member and their family a Happy and Safe New Year.

The start of each new year is a time to reflect on the year just past, and make plans for the future. It holds a special magic, with a promise of new opportunities and the possibility to change our lives for the better.

So welcome in the new year by showing your loved ones how you feel to mark this special time of year. And given how challenging 2020 has been for us all with COVID-19, it feels especially important to express our hopes and dreams for better days ahead in 2021



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Remember effective **January 1, 2021**, the meeting times for St. Louis Lodge No. 5 have changed. The new meeting times will be as follows.

Refreshments at 6:00 pm
Lodge Meeting at 7:00 pm

Remember all meeting times are subject to change.

DID YOU KNOW ?????



A Florida woman stops an alligator attack using only a small .22 caliber Ruger Pistol. Here's another good reason to have a concealed weapons permit. This is a story of self-control and marksmanship by a brave, cool-headed, senior woman with a small pistol against a fierce predator.

Here's her story in her own words: "While walking along the edge of a pond just outside my house in the Villages discussing a property settlement with my soon-to-be ex-husband, and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 12-ft alligator which suddenly emerged from the murky water. It began charging us with its large jaws wide open. The alligator must have been protecting her nest because she was extremely aggressive."

"If I had not had my little Ruger .22 caliber pistol with me I would not be here today! Just one shot to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took. The 'gator got him easily, and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace. The amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible, and his life insurance was also an extra, big bonus!"

Don't live by Alligators

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

- As you get older, you'll realize that a \$300 watch and a \$30 watch both tell the same time.
- A fancy wallet and a plain wallet hold the same amount of money.
- A \$300,000 house and a \$1,000,000 house host the same loneliness. A Ford will also drive you as far as a Bentley.
- True happiness is not found in materialist things, it comes from the love and laughter found each other.
- Stay humble.....the hole dug for us in the ground are all same size.



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.**

Remember your 2021 dues are due by 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.



Hidden Pictures®

Sheep-Shearing Salon

By Diana Zourelis

Can you find these

- suitcase
- lightning bolt
- slice of pizza
- lightning bolt
- mug
- snake
- flashlight
- boot
- sailboat
- ice-cream cone
- piece of popcorn
- ring
- artist's brush
- banana
- leaf
- star
- pencil
- bowl
- pennant

BONUS!
Can you also find the butterfly, bell, heart, and apple?

In this big picture, find the suitcase, slice of pizza, lightning bolt, mug, snake, flashlight, sailboat, piece of popcorn, boot, ice-cream cone, ring, artist's brush, leaf, pencil, bowl, banana, star, and pennant.



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Congratulation to Rick Roesch



The Meritorious Service Award is awarded to Brothers and Sisters for meritorious service performed on behalf of Odd Fellowship beyond the usual and customary duties of membership. It is authorized under Chapter XXVIII, Section 3, sub section C of the Code of General Laws.

The award has to be recommendation of a local unit of the Order. It then must be approved by the governing Grand Body. Only one award per year may be give in any branch of the Order.

The award given to Brother Richard Roesch was recommended unanimously by Lodge No. 5 membership, and approved by Grand Master Gene Collins as the Grand Lodge did not meet this year due to the pandemic. It has been well earned.



St. Louis Lodge No. 5 ODD FELLOW OF THE YEAR

Craig Skinner



An Odd Fellow bases their thoughts and actions on healthy philosophical principles.

They believe that life is a commitment to improve and elevate the character of humanity through service and example. They support the idea that all people irrespective of creed, race, color, nationality, social status, sex, rank and station are brothers and sisters.

Since Craig Skinner became a member of St. Louis Lodge No. 5, he has demonstrate his commitment to the lodge by everything he does. He has held numerous positions within the lodge from lodge officers to being a board member. He is always willing to Step up and help. Craig was a awarded an Odd Fellows Jacket.

Congratulation Craig

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