

<b>Refreshments and Activities at Your Lodge</b> <b>All refreshments served at 6:30 P.M. except when otherwise noted</b> <b>All meetings are at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted</b> <b>All menus are subject to change</b>	
<b>January 5, 2019</b>	<u><b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Stew, Salad, Bread Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
<b>January 12, 2019</b>	<u><b>Initiatory Degree 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad Bread, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
<b>January 19, 2019</b>	<u><b>Morning Meeting 9:00am</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Breakfast Sandwiches Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
<b>January 19, 2019</b>	<u><b>Installation of Lodge Officers 7:00pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Open face Roast Beef, Mash Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Dessert (sheet cake) Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
<b>January 26, 2019</b>	<u><b>First Degree 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Cannelloni with Red & White Sauce, Salad, Bread, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
<b>February 2, 2019</b>	<u><b>Morning Meeting 9:00am</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Craig & Sam Specials Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
<b>February 9, 2019</b>	<u><b>Second Degree 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Beef Tips & Noodles French bread, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
<b>February 16, 2019</b>	<u><b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Chili & Tamales Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
<b>February 23, 2019</b>	<u><b>Third Degree 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Brats, Hotdogs and Sauerkraut, Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water





# LINK-N-LINES



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ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. .5, I.O.O.F.   3765 LINDELL BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO. 63108-3411
January - February 2019



### FRANCIS X. LAVAR

Francis X LaVar was born on April 14, 1956 at the old Saint Anthony's Hospital at Grand and Chippewa in south St. Louis, Missouri. He is the oldest of four children of Francis and Peggy LaVar. He grew up in Webster Groves, Missouri where he attended Webster Groves High School and upon graduating in 1974, he attended Meramec Community College.

After receiving an Associate Degree in Management and Supervisory Development he went into Foodservice Management. As the years went by Francis worked for companies such as Sports Service at Busch Stadium, The Arena, He also worked at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Nebraska. After moving back to St. Louis, Missouri he went to work at the Canteen Foodservice at Ford Motor Company in Hazelwood, Mo... In 1994 he decided on a career change and became a State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser which he has worked at for the last 21 years.

Francis and his wife Jan have lived in the Affton area for over 20 years with their three children and have been blessed with twelve grandchildren. He is also a Past Worshipful Master of Spirit of St. Louis Lodge No. 27 and Olive Branch Lodge No. 576 of the Missouri Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

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### A Message From Our Noble Grand

### Officers and Members

Greetings,

It seems it was just yesterday when I mentioned that Halloween was already here, and now we are entering the new year of 2019. Hopefully everyone had a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. What the New Year has in store for all of us of course remains to be seen. Despite our best-laid plans, we all know from experience that surprises await us. What is important is how we react to these surprises.

In many important ways 2019 will be a year of transition for St. Louis Lodge #5. It is hard not to notice the For Sale sign in front of our Triple Links Building. Suffice it to say that our Odd Fellows lodge has had a long and storied history at 3765 Lindell Boulevard. For many generations of our lodge members, this has been the only meeting place they have ever known. Many current members and their siblings, including in my own family, have fond childhood memories of events associated with our lodge building.

Despite these many fond memories, we all need to keep an open mind about the upcoming changes. Nothing in life stays the same, reacting to change in a positive manner can be challenging but also rewarding. As the saying goes, when one door closes, another door opens.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS**

**JANUARY**

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

**FEBRUARY**

Charles Iselin	3
Martin Gruttemeyer	3
Daniel White	4
Robert Carr	6
Theodor Walter	6
Williams Neighbors	7
Charles ems	11
Thomas Amos	11
Lee Wall	15
Thomas Moser	16
Art Matthews	17
Kurt Bayless	18
John Siscel III	27
Michael Singer III	28



**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**

10/27/18	Charles Whisenhunt	WINNER
11/3/18	Jose Hernandez	WINNER
11/10/18	Walter Clifton	WINNER
11/17/18	Robert Mayer	WINNER
11/24/18	Craig Skinner	WINNER
12/1/18	Pete Cauchon	WINNER
12/6/19	Richarg Aguilar	WINNER
12/15/18	Christopher Steinbach	WINNER
12/22/18	Sam Wilk	WINNER

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

**Sick and Shut-ins**

**Erv Drowing.....314-865-3894**  
**William B. Stephenson Jr .....314-342-1436**  
**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**  
 Lee Rauhut.....314-521-3302

**Vice Grand**  
 Michael J. Campbell.....901-606-7128

**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 /TELEPHONE CHANGES**

**Change of Address**



Ralph Beuc Jr.  
 7625 Stormy Way  
 Colorado Springs, Colorado  
 Zip 80916-2022



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



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## GRANDMA MAKES FRIENDS



Grandma is eighty-eight years old and still drives her own car. She writes:

Dear Daughter,

The other day I went up to our local book store and saw a 'Honk if you love Jesus' bumper sticker .. I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous

prayer meeting. So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper.. Boy, am I glad I did; what an uplifting experience that followed.

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good he is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed. I found that lots of people love Jesus!

While I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, 'For the love of God!' 'Go! Go! Go! Jesus Christ, GO!' What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus! Everyone started honking!

I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love! There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach. I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant. He said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something.

Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii , so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back. My grandson burst out laughing. Why even he was enjoying this religious experience!! A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed.

So, grinning, I waved at all my brothers and sisters, and drove on through the intersection. I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared.

So I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!!

Will write again soon,

Love, Grandma

## United States Marine Corps



Very little information is available regarding the flags carried by early American Marines, although indications are that the Grand Union flag was carried ashore by the battalion on New Providence Island, March 3rd, 1776. Also, it is believed that the Colonial Rattlesnake flag was also carried ashore on this expedition. The standard carried by the Marines during the 1830s and 1840s consisted of a white field with gold fringe, and bore an elaborate design of an

anchor and eagle in the center. Prior to the Mexican War, this flag bore the legend "To the Shores of Tripoli" across the top. Shortly after the war, the legend was revised to read: "From Tripoli to the Halls of the Montezumas." During the Mexican and Civil Wars, Marines in the field carried a flag similar to the national flag, comprised of red and white stripes and a union. The union, however, contained an eagle perched on a shield of the United States and a half-wreath beneath the shield, with 29 stars encircling the entire design.

Beginning in 1876, Marines carried the Stars and Stripes with "U.S. Marine Corps" embroidered in yellow on the middle red stripe. At the time of the Vera Cruz landing in 1914, a more distinctive standard was carried by Marines. The design consisted of a blue field with a laurel wreath encircling the Marine Corps emblem in the center. A scarlet ribbon above the emblem carried the words "U.S. Marine Corps," while another scarlet ribbon below the emblem carried the motto "Semper Fidelis," which translates to "Always Faithful" in Latin. The traditional Marine Corps emblem – the eagle, globe and fowl anchor - forms the basic device of the flag. Of these three, the eagle and the fowl anchor are the most venerable, dating from 1800 when they first appeared on the Marine uniform button - a button which has remained to this day virtually unchanged from its original form. Influenced strongly by the design of the emblem of the British Royal Marines, depicting as their domain the Eastern hemisphere, in 1868, the U.S. Marines adopted as their emblem a globe showing the Western hemisphere. To this was added the spread eagle and fowl anchor from the button. Twelve years later the motto, "Semper Fidelis," completed the design.

In 1925, gold and scarlet were designated as the official colors of the U.S. Marine Corps flag. These colors, however, were not reflected in the official Marine Corps flag until January 18th, 1939, when a new design incorporating the new colors was approved. The design was essentially that of today's Marine Corps flag.

The above information is provided by Pete Cauchon, member of Heroes of '76, Flag Team, National Sojourners Inc.







In just a matter of time our lodge will be closing the doors at 3765 Lindell Boulevard, at least as pertains to our lodge history there. Of course St. Louis Lodge #5 has ongoing challenges unrelated to its physical location. Recruiting and retaining new lodge member is perhaps the foremost ongoing challenge. Perhaps a new physical location will prove to be a positive in this regard. However, this is certainly not a given, and we should never underestimate the necessity of being continually vigilant about membership-related challenges.

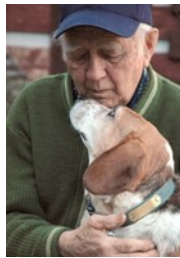
The month of January is always an important one for our Odd Fellows lodge. The 2019 officers will be installed in January, and the lodge will resume its important functions which of course out of necessity are placed on hold during the busy year-end holiday season. It is always amazing that once our officer installation is behind us, one of the next important orders of lodge business is to plan our spring and especially summer activities. Planning is essential, time waits for no one, not even good Odd Fellows!

I believe that one of the customs of our lodge for which we can all be very proud is the annual year-end practice of making noteworthy contributions to worthwhile charitable organizations. Those of you who attended our recent holiday dinner had the distinct pleasure of seeing and hearing first-hand the testimony of the representatives of these organizations. They explained not only the good work that they do, but also how this work is made possible by the generosity of donors such as our lodge. Everyone please have a great and productive 2019, and we'll see you all at our upcoming events.

Lee Rauhut



## MY FRIEND CHARLIE



Fred was out hunting with his best friend, a beagle named Charlie. While they were out hunting, suddenly Charlie let out a yelp and fell over. Distraught, Fred rushed Charlie to the veterinarian.

Upon examination the vet pronounced Charlie as deceased. Fred pleaded with the vet that Charlie couldn't be dead and asked him to do more tests. The vet left the room and came back with a large cat.

He placed the cat near Charlie on the examination table. The cat hissed and clawed Charlie with no response from Charlie at all. Fred, having observed this was finally convinced Charlie was indeed gone and asked the vet to have Charlie properly interred.

A couple of week later Fred got the vet's bill as follows:

Examination and diagnosis	\$100.00
Internment	\$100.00
CAT scan	\$500.00

# FIRST POLICE CHASE



ST. LOUIS — This week marks the anniversary of the first police chase and speeding ticket in St. Louis. Officers used their new “Skidoodle” wagon to apprehend the speeder. He was going 28 miles per hour on Union. The legal speed limit on St. Louis city streets was 8 miles per hour. The fine, \$50. The police chase happened 113 years ago on July 13th, 1904. The ticket was issued on July 14th, 1904. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch offers an extensive archive of historic clips on their website. It is in partnership with the Missouri History

Museum. Here is a transcript of the archived clipping: “The highest fine yet imposed for auto-mobille scorching in St. Louis was saddled onto William H. Pattison of 3558 Pine Street by Judge Pollard this morning in Dayton street police court. Fifty dollars was the price of his speed. Incidentally, the police department made the first use of the automobile with which it has provided itself for the purpose of running down and arresting scorcherers and which was put into commission last Sunday. Shortly before 8 o'clock Wednesday evening mounted policeman James Cooney and William Stinger were riding north on Kingshighway under the care of William Sleuer, the police chauffeur, when they observed a big auto driven by a young man wo provided to be Mr. Patterson, who is in the employ of an automobile company, and was taking a prospective patron for a ride. He turned his machine into Delmar boulevard, going west.

At that time the speedometer on the police machine showed it to be travelling at a rate of 12 miles per hour – the chauffeur having smoked up a bit to keep in sight of Mr. Pattison. The legal rate of speed at which an auto may travel through the city is eight miles per hour. Shortly after turning west the speed increased to 16 miles, and by the time Union avenue was reached Mr. Pattison was hitting the grit at a somewhat dizzying pace of 20 miles per hour. He turned north on Union avenue, and, by the time he had reached Maple avenue, according to the police indicator, he was ripping up the ozone at a rate of 28 miles per hour. The policeman, fearing that they would bump up and hit a cloud if they kept on much longer, called a halt by ringing a bell – an innovation, by the way, in the line of auto signals. Mr. Pattison was attracted by the sound and looked back. The policeman bade him halt and he halted. He was placed under arrest. “Why, I thought you wanted to race me. You were coming at me so swift,” he declared, vastly surprised. “Nay, nay,” said the cops, in unison, “but the judge will lead thee a merry chase on the morrow.” Thus it came about that young Mr. Pattison was haled into court where evidence was produced against him by the minions of the law. He told the same story about laboring under a misapprehension as to a race, but Judge Pollard was deaf in both ears. “It is time,” said the Dayton street jurist, “that people should be restrained from running these mighty machines of death through the public streets. There is no excuse for it. I ought to fine this young man or the company he represents, the limit, which is \$500.” Mr. Pattison pleaded that he would have to pay his own fine, and Judge Pollard marked down his opinion to \$50. Auto scorcherers heretofore have usually been eft off in the police courts with fines of \$5 or \$10.”



# REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES

This is a reminder for the members it is time to pay your Lodge Dues. **It's important** to remember that your dues must be paid no later than December 31, 2018. Our annual dues are \$40.00 a year. Members who fail to pay their dues will lose their membership benefits and are not permitted to attend any lodge activities. (such as Picnic, Banquet etc.) By paying dues, you help the lodge immensely; 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.



## RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES



Once again St. Louis Lodge No. 5 will continue to provide support to the 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.



### DATES SELECTED FOR 2019

- Wednesday, January 16, 2019
- Thursday, October 17, 2019
- Friday, June, 28, 2019



*Upcoming Events*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

January 12, 2019	Initiatory Degree	7:30pm
January 19, 2019	Morning Meeting	9:00 am
January 19, 2019	Installation of Lodge Officers	7:30pm
January 26, 2019	First Degree	7:30pm
February 2, 2019	Second Degree	7:30pm
February 23, 2019	Third Degree	7:30pm



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Friendship, Love and Truth



# MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY



On Saturday, December 15, 2018, 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. After dinner the guests enjoyed a game of Bingo while members attended their meeting.



# CHARITY

St. Louis Lodge No. 5 held their Annual Charity Presentation Evening, 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 were invited to the evening activities at the Three Links Lodge Building to receive donations on behalf of the members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 and the Robertson Benevolent Fund.

St. Louis Lodge No. 5 (IOOF)

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SHOW, TREATS & VISIT WITH SANTA

# December 2018

