

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

June 23, 2018	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30 pm</u> Refreshments – Meat Loaf, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water
June 30, 2018	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30 pm</u> Refreshments – Hotdogs, Baked Beans, Potatoes Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
July 7, 2018	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30 pm</u> Refreshments – Mom’s Deli, and Potatoes Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water
July 14, 2018	<i>Ray’s Special</i> Morning Meeting 9:00 am Refreshments – Donuts & Bagels Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee, and Water
July 21, 2018	<i>PIZZA</i> Regular Meeting 7:30 pm Refreshments – PIZZA and Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water <i>PIZZA</i>
July 28, 2018	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Brats and Sauerkraut Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water
August 4, 2018	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Cold Cuts (Ham & Cheese), String Potatoes Crackers, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
August 11, 2018	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Tamales with Beans & Rice Crackers, 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
July - August 2018



Walter J. Clifton

Walter J. Clifton was born on May 29, 1955 in St. Louis, Missouri to William and Dorothy Clifton. One of six children. He grew up on the South side and has lived in St. Louis all his life. Walter attended Grade school at Lion Elementary School and later at Roosevelt High School. After graduating from high school he went to work for the famous Steak-n-Shake Restaurant in 1972 as a cook.



A Message From Our Noble Grand

Officers and Members

Greetings,

After working there for a period of time, Walter went to work as a mail clerk at what used to be called Boatman’s Bank until they changed their name. He also works for what was called the Edward Jones Dome as an usher since it opened in 1995. Wally as he is known to family and friend’s joined St. Louis Lodge No. 5 in 1992. He married his wife Barbara in 1996 and still lives in St. Louis. They have two children and seven grandchildren.

Wally enjoys going to the Baseball Games, Hockey Games and is known to go fishing when he gets the time and even catches one now and then.

He and Barbara enjoy traveling and have traveled to Alaska to visit his sister. Wally really enjoys being a lodge member and attends our meeting regularly. He is a Past Noble Grand and has served on several committees and is quick to help out wherever needed. Wally is not only a family man but one who loves to help others.

Just as we all predicted, summer is here without the benefit of much of a preceding spring. As I write this we are already a couple of weeks removed from our successful Annual Picnic. Already in our rear-view mirror is the Memorial Day Safely Coffee Break, the first of our summer trio of such events.

With St. Louis Lodge #5 there is invariably one or more events always in the planning stages. Initial steps for the 2019 Annual Picnic have already been taken, and the Annual Banquet on August 18th is quickly moving to the front burner.

Perhaps this is a good time to remind everyone to please take into consideration the planning efforts of those individuals organizing these lodge events. Often such events require advance financial commitments, and to properly plan it is necessary to have accurate head counts.

When you receive correspondence from the lodge inquiring about if you will be attending an event, and if so how many will be attending, it is very important to respond accurately, and on a timely basis. Financial commitments are based on reliable head counts, so please cooperate accordingly.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

JULY

Glen Robinson	3
Kenneth David	4
Craig Rasnic	4
Vernon Goede	5
Arthur Goede Sr.	5
Jeffery Parrotte	7
Michael Morgan	8
Darrel Curtis	13
Jeffery Pedroley	16
Matthew Puhse	16
Adam Schroeder	18
Mark Schultheis	20
Jeffery McCoy	22
Robert Atwell	24
Kevin Keating	24
Thomas Kreyling	26
Charles Benson	30
Philip Cole	30
Craig Gissy	30
Harold Pratt	31

AUGUST

Rick Bayer	3
Kevin George	3
Charles Petersen	3
Terry Throm	12
Elmer Marz	18
Stanley Oberman	20
Richard Pedroley	23
Charles Alexander	29
Michael Campbell	31



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

5/5/18	Mike Campbell	WINNER
5/12/18	Charles Whisenhunt	WINNER
5/19/18	Pat Yancy	WINNER
5/26/18	Craig Skinner	WINNER
6/2/18	John Eckert	WINNER
6/9/18	Craig Skinner	WINNER
6/16/18	Mike Campbell	WINNER
6/23/18		WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

Erv Drowing.....	314-865-3894
Ken Hetz.....	314-487-3563
Stanley Oberman.....	314-852-7435
William B. Stephenson Jr	314-342-1436
Marion Briggs.....	314-773-4421
Ernest Rodgers.....	636-282-0643

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

New Members



Stephen W. Marquard,
6501 Dogwood Lane,
House Springs, Mo. 63051

James R. Mouyassar,
5510 Highway 61/67
Imperial, Mo. 63052

J.T. Taylor
2001 So. Highway 61,
Troy, Mo. 63379-5016

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR ROSTER



NOTICE

We are planning to update the Lodge Membership Roster Booklet soon. In an effort to assist us, please forward any new contact information to include your email address to the Lodge Secretary.

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



A Symbol of America

MISSOURI FACTS

Do you know about our state

- Missouri is known as the "Show Me State". The 'Show Me State' expression may have began in 1899 when Congressman Willard Duncan Vandiver stated, "I'm from Missouri and you've got to show me."
- At the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, Richard Blechyden, served tea with ice and invented iced tea.
- Also, at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, the ice cream cone was invented. An ice cream vendor ran out of cups and asked a waffle vendor to help by rolling up waffles to hold ice cream.
- Missouri ties with Tennessee as the most neighborly state in the union, bordered by 8 states.
- The state animal is the Mule.
- St. Louis; is also called, "The Gateway to the West" and "Home of the Blues".
- The "Missouri Waltz" became the state song under an act adopted by the General Assembly on June 30, 1949
- The present Capitol completed in 1917 and occupied the following year is the third Capitol in Jefferson City and the sixth in Missouri history. The first seat of state government was housed in the Mansion House, Third and Vine Streets, St. Louis; the second was in the Missouri Hotel, Maine and Morgan Streets, also in St. Louis. St. Charles was designated as temporary capital of the state in 1821 and remained the seat of government until 1826 when Jefferson City became the permanent capital city.
- The first Capitol in Jefferson City burned in 1837 and a second structure completed in 1840 burned when the dome was struck by lightning on February 5, 1911.
- Kansas City has more miles of boulevards than Paris and more fountains than any city except Rome.
- Kansas City has more miles of freeway per capita than any metro area with more than 1 million residents.
- Jefferson National Expansion Memorial consists of the Gateway Arch, the Museum of Westward Expansion, and St. Louis' Old Courthouse. During a nationwide competition in 1947-48, architect Eero Saarinen's inspired design for a 630-foot stainless steel arch was chosen as a perfect monument to the spirit of the western pioneers. Construction of the Arch began in 1963 and was completed on October 28, 1965. The Arch has foundations sunken 60 feet into the ground, and is built to withstand earthquakes and high winds. It sways up to one inch in a 20 mph wind, and is built to sway up to 18 inches.
- In 1889, Aunt Jemima pancake flour, invented at St. Joseph, Missouri, was the first self-rising flour for pancakes and the first ready-mix food ever to be introduced commercially.
- The tallest man in documented medical history was Robert Pershing Wadlow from St. Louis. He was 8 feet, 11.1 inches tall
- The most powerful earthquake to strike the United States occurred in 1811, centered in New Madrid, Missouri. The quake shook more than one million square miles, and was felt as far as 1,000 miles away.

American Flag



The flag you see today will always be a symbol of the courage and determination of the people behind it. This is as it should be; but remember this solemn truth. This Nation cannot it is our duty, as it is the duty of every generation, to sacrifice when called upon, to endure when necessary, and to willingly assist, preserve, protect and defend these United States of America, at all times. Only then can the greatest Nation known to man continue to serve as a beacon light for the generations of the future.

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



**Do you hitchhike
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I picked up a hitchhiker last night. He seemed surprised that I'd pick up a stranger and asked, "Thanks, but why would you pick me up? How do you know I'm not a serial killer?"

I told him the chances of two serial killers being in one car would be astronomical.



As you are probably already aware, this summer the Fourth of July happens to fall midweek, on a Wednesday. Because it is difficult to gauge the highway traffic on the weekends prior to and after the Fourth, after some discussion the lodge had decided to hold our mid-summer Safety Coffee Break on the actual holiday, Wednesday July 4th. The Memorial Day event was somewhat of a warm day, however that did not dampen the enthusiasm of the lodge volunteers who attended. Those travelers who availed themselves of our offerings of hot dogs, popcorn, and beverages were very appreciative. Many were surprised when informed that for a variety of reasons we could not accept their generous offer of monetary donations.

Following the July 4th Safety Coffee Break, our event on Labor Day Monday in early September will conclude these events for 2018. Please consider stopping by to assist for a few or a couple of hours on July 4th and/or Labor Day, even if indeed you have only a couple of hours to spare.

Last but not least, the lodge has scheduled another Fun Bowling (No Tap) Tournament at Du Bowl Lanes in South County for Sunday afternoon, July 15th. A free event open to members and spouses, such activities as the bowling tournament promote fraternity, friendliness, and of course always a good time.

Just a bit of trivia, some of you may have seen the recent movie "The Founder" based on the late Ray Kroc of McDonald's Hamburgers. A true story, early in the film the Ray Kroc character is depicted soliciting potential investors to become McDonald's franchisees. Presumably historically accurate, a scene shows Ray Kroc making a pitch to a group of mid-western Odd Fellows at their IOOF lodge hall. It would be interesting if know if any Odd Fellows ever followed up and owned McDonald's restaurants. Please continue to have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

Lee Rauhut
Noble Grand



Annual Banquet August 18, 2018

The annual letter announcing the forth coming **BANQUET** and the blank **request for tickets post card** will be mailed out August 5, 2018. We would like to remind you send these in promptly, so that we can make and set up the table reservations. If you would like to sit in a table with friends or family; send the ticket requests in together. All new members that have received their Initiatory Degree are eligible to come. All members must have their dues paid up to date. If you have too cancel for any reason you must do so by August 6th otherwise you will not be eligible to attend the banquet in 2019.

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY

For those who haven't heard, due to the increase in Per Capita Dues passed down to the Grand Lodge from Sovereign Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge will be increasing Per Capita Dues for subordinate lodges by \$2.50 in June and \$2.50 at the end of the year. It will also be increasing dues by \$5.00 in the year of 2019. Sovereign Grand Lodge states this is being caused by a declining membership of Odd Fellows and its branches.

What does that mean for members of Lodge No. 5? Our dues are \$40.00 annually and of that \$40.00 the amount of \$33.50 will be going to pay Per Capita Dues to Grand Lodge this year. Next year that amount will be \$38.50 with \$1.50 going into Lodge No. 5's treasury. While we are financially stable and can absorb the increases, it seems a little absurd to have the privileges and benefits we offer and enjoy for only \$1.50 per year. But, that is up to the general membership to decide.

Both Brother Ray White and I attended the Monday session of the Grand Lodge. Brother White gave a presentation of the Grand Lodge website that he had overhauled. I must say it was very well received and many of the Grand Lodge officers were impressed. For those of you who are curious go to miooof.org (that's no mistake, there are three o's) and I would suggest you do this on Google. We are fortunate to have Brother White who is willing to do this at no charge to either lodge, he states he enjoys it. As a Trustee of Lodge No. 5 and a member of the St. Louis Odd Fellows Association, I must inform you there has been no progress in either the sale of the building or the purchase of a new one. We may be still here for a long time; who knows? We had two grand prize winners of gas grills at the picnic, Brother Thomas Kreyling and Sister Pam Whisenhunt. Sister Pam donated her prize to the Safety Coffee Break crew as a back-up to the present gas grill. Brother Tom also donated his but I didn't get the name of whom he had donated it to. Congratulations to both and their generosity.

There is an article written by the present Sovereign Grand Lodge Membership Chairman that Odd Fellowship is basically dead. It's in the latest edition of the International Odd Fellow. He does make a point that our motto is irrelevant and outdated in today's world, although he made no suggestion of what it should be. It easy to condemn but hard to correct. To me Odd Fellows is not dead it's merely in the throes of correcting and updating, and that can be a painful process. What do you think?

Robert J. Mayer Sr.
Secretary



REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES

This is a reminder for the members who have not paid their Lodge Dues. **It's important** to remember that your dues must be paid no later than March 30, 2018. Our annual dues are \$40.00 a year. Members who fail to pay their dues **by March 30, 2018** 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.



Why we love children

The minister started his Children's Sermon with a question, "Who knows what a Resurrection is?" Without missing a beat a young boy says, "If you have one lasting more than 4 hours call your physician." The pastor is still laughing.

One day the first grade teacher was reading the story of Chicken Little to her class. She came to the part of the story where Chicken Little tried to warn the farmer. She read, and so Chicken Little went up to the farmer and said, "The sky is falling, the sky is falling!" The teacher paused then asked the class, "And what do you think that farmer said?" One little girl raised her hand and said, "I think he said: 'Holy Sh.....! A talking chicken!'" The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.

A certain little girl, when asked her name, would reply, "I'm Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter." Her mother told her this was wrong, she must say, "I'm Jane Sugarbrown." The Vicar spoke to her in Sunday School, and said, "Aren't you Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter?" She replied, "I thought I was, but mother says I'm not."



IMPORTANT DATES



July 4, 2018 Coffee Safety Break
August 18, 2018 Annual Banquet Dinner



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Once again St. Louis Lodge No. 5 will 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 2018

- Friday, March 16, 2018
- Thursday, July, 20, 2018
- Monday, May 21, 2018
- Wednesday, October 19, 2018



UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* **EVENTS**



Motto
Friendship, Love and Truth



Objective
To Improve and Elevate the Character of Mankind

Lodge Picnic

Safety Coffee Break

Well it's time for our 2nd of 3 Safety Coffee Breaks activity for the year. Our next Safety Coffee Break will be on Wednesday July 4, 2018. The location as always will be The Rest Area location is on north bound I-55, north of Bloomsdale, Missouri approximately 50 miles south of St. Louis, Missouri. This is a time for the members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 to give back to the citizens of our great state. We start at 9:00am by setting up the equipment and finish by 3:00pm putting the equipment away. We need your help come and enjoy a good time. We even provide lunch. Below are pictures of our recent Memorial Day event. **Hope to see you there!**

Well our annual Lodge Picnic has once again come and gone. We had a great time as you will see by the below pictures. The weather was extra nice to us. A big thank you to Brian Goldman for providing a fantastic time for the children. He is now referred to as Uncle Brian. The members and their guest appeared to have a great time. The attendance prizes were well received, thanks to Mrs. Pamela Whisenhunt for her hard work. A big thank you to the entertainment committee for their hard work to ensure that the picnic was a success. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this happen. Hope you see you next year.



REMEMBER, THE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE

