

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

March 7, 2015	Third Degree Refreshments - G & W Smoked Bratwurst on a Bun, Sauer Kraut, Potato Chips, Soda and Coffee
March 14, 2015	Regular Meeting Refreshments - Pizza and Salad, Soda and Coffee
March 21, 2015	Initiatory Degree Refreshments - Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Soda and Coffee
March 28, 2015	Regular Meeting Refreshments - Submarine Sandwiches, Potato Chips, Soda and Coffee
April 4, 2015	Regular Meeting - Easter Dinner Refreshments - Sliced Ham, Sweet Potato, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, White-Rye Bread, Cherry and Apple Pie, Soda and Coffee
April 11, 2015	First Degree Refreshments - Chili 3-way, Crackers, Soda and Coffee
April 18, 2015	Regular Meeting—9:00 am Refreshments - Danish and Bagels, Cream Cheese, Orange Juice, Soda and Coffee
April 25, 2015	Second Degree Refreshments - Pot-Luck with French Bread, Soda and Coffee
May 2, 2015	Regular Meeting Refreshments - White Castles with French Fries, Cheese, Extra Pickles, Soda and Coffee

Menu Items are Subject to Change Without Notice

Upcoming Events

April 4, 2015 - Easter Dinner
 May 9, 2015 - Mother's Day - Bingo for the Ladies
 May 25, 2015 - Memorial Day - First Safety Coffee Break of the Year at Bloomsdale, MO





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ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. 5, I.O.O.F. 3765 LINDELL BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO. 63108-3411 MARCH -APRIL 2015



Tigers Elite Baseball Program

The Tigers Elite Baseball and Softball Program's mission is to offer Hancock Place and other area district's students an opportunity to participate in an extracurricular program that is more than just a sport; other players in the program attend or attended Mehlville, Hazelwood, Lindbergh, Oakville, Bayless, Green Park Lutheran, Seckman and other school districts. At the same time the children are learning the game of baseball or softball, players are coached how to be respectful and responsible boys and girls. They have high expectations set and enforced for players, coaches and parents. In the Lemay neighborhood, kids do not have the opportunities that other children from other neighborhoods have due to the lack of recreational centers, clubs and other facilities.

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High School

A Message From Our Noble Grand Officers and Members

First off let me clear up a misunderstanding. I was born in 1947 and not in 1847. No matter how old I look. Now than, I hope that is cleared up. If not I tried. Brothers here it is the third and fourth month of 2015. How many of you are still putting 2014 on your checks, I have twice so far. In January we had a first degree and in February we had a second and a third degree. This would be nice if we could do this every month, but we need you to help do this. Look to your neighbors and friends, do you think they would be good for the Lodge, if so give them an application. Don't have one, get in touch with the secretary and have him send you one.

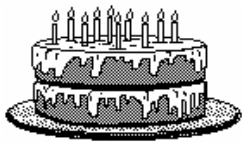
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Scholarships

Information and applications for our scholarship program will be available after December 1, 2014. To qualify you must be a Third Degree member of the Lodge or the son, daughter and grandchild of a living Third Degree member of the Lodge. Contact a Trustee of the Lodge.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS
JANUARY FEBRUARY**

Jwamer J. Rasheed - 01	Charles Whisenhunt-01
Elmer L. Marz Sr. - 02	Kenneth Herrmann- 02
Dennis M. Lipski - 06	Charles A. Iselin - 03
Kenneth R. Rogers - 07	Marty Gruettemeyer03
William T. Jimas - 09	Daniel J. White - 04
Alan Davidson - 09	Robert E. Carr - 06
Andrew Oberman - 09	Theodor A. Walter - 06
Ian M. Bacich - 09	William Neighbors- 07
Steven M. Throm - 10	Thomas C. Amos - 11
Donald M. Proehl - 16	Charles P. Ems - 11
Stephen A. Carr Sr. - 18	Thomas J. Moser - 16
J. Steve Dodson - 18	Art K. Matthews - 17
Edward Rayfield - 20	Kurt W. Bayless - 18
Fred F. Plough - 24	Billy J. Boyer - 18
Philipp A. Petersen - 26	Arthur B. Kennon - 18
	Wilfred G. Soutiea - 20
	John W. Siscel - 27
	Albert D. Coleman - 28
	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

Nov 15--Walter J. Clifton.....\$25.00 WINNER
 Nov 22--Jasper J. Mangiore.....\$25.00 WINNER
 Nov 29--Charles Whisenhunt.....\$25.00 WINNER
 Dec 06--Jeffrey A. Pedroley.....\$25.00 WINNER
 Dec 13--Thomas J. Kreyling.....\$25.00 WINNER
 Dec 20--Dennis M. Lipski.....\$25.00 WINNER
 Dec 27--Daniel J. White.....\$25.00 WINNER
 Jan 03--Richard A. Roesch.....\$25.00 WINNER
 Jan 10--Ervin A. Drawing.....\$25.00 WINNER

Come to a meeting and your name
 Could be on this list

Sick and Shut-ins

Richard W. Sanders.....314-843-6813
 Charles A. Iselin.....314-644-3462
 John P. Fox.....573-431-3910
 Vernon E. Goede.....314-353-3342

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
 Walter S. Sawicki II.....314-752-4133
Vice Grand
 John Eckert.....314-
Secretary
 Robert J. Mayer Sr.....314-771-2652
Financial Secretary Vacant

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

Special Relief Committee

Norman C. Schultheis.....314-487-9960
 Craig A. Skinner.....314-839-3081
 Lee T. Rauhut.....314-521-3302

DELETE

William B. Magnan, Donald B. Campbell, Edward J. Kellogg III, Kevin C. Herdler Sr.
 Stefan Petrov, John B. Roth, Frank J. Sumski, Douglas B. Tipton

CHANGE

Kenneth N. White
 1021 N. McKnight Rd.
 St. Louis, MO 63132
 314-718-0845

Michael J. Campbell
 4916 Nagel Ave.
 St. Louis, MO 63109
 314-606-7089

Stephen A. Carr Sr.
 33003 Lake St.
 Macon, MO 63552

ADD

Mrs. Donald B. Campbell
 227 Manning Ave.
 St. Louis, MO 63135-1032
 314-521-0713

Mrs. Edward J. Kellogg III
 4564 Kerth Forest Dr.
 St. Louis, MO 63128
 314-487-0839

Matthew Puhse
 7868 Elmton Rd.
 Sullivan, MO 63080
 314-602-7148

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

The district has an average of 75%-80% free and reduced lunch percentage yearly which limits families' abilities to pay for memberships, uniforms, and other expenses associated with opportunities. Brother, Thomas Dittrich, Jr. and his wife, Erin, are the co-directors for the Tigers Elite Baseball & Softball Program. His position in the community has been in many roles such as living in Lemay for all of his 39 years, Principal of Hancock Place Middle School, parent to two children attending Hancock Place Middle School, Hancock Alumni & Community Association President (association is a proud member of the Lemay Chamber of Commerce), and an active member in the district parents club, PATHS. Erin handles all of the communications with and organization of paperwork so that teams can be created and maintained; this is a huge undertaking.

Thomas, along with a few committed coaches (Brothers: Mark Schultheis and Kevin George) and Erin as the manager, began this program 8 years ago with just 1 team. They grew to 2 teams 2010, 5 teams in 2011, 8 teams in 2012 season, 9 teams for 2013 and 2014, and 10 teams for this coming year, 2015. They still have a goal that has not quite been met which is to have at least one team from every grade level for baseball and softball. Currently, they have 5 baseball teams, 3 softball team and 2 co-ed younger aged teams committed with coaches and players. Brothers Joe Coleman and Matthew Borghesi are also very active coaches of teams in the program. As we all know, a program of this magnitude requires financial assistance. Now more than ever, they truly need more funds to accomplish this major goal of financially supporting ten teams this year. Costs for equipment, league and tournament fees, uniforms, hats and other miscellaneous fees are expensive so the Oddfellows Lodge #5 sponsors the program annually. The Tigers Elite Program proudly displays "St. Louis Odd fellows Lodge #5" on eight banners that are hung at every game!

In my year, I hope to do another MOCHIP, we will ask a Blue Lodge to sponsor us and hold it at another location. This way maybe we can have more coming to the event. As always we will have our "Coffee Safety Breaks", so keep looking here for more info. As always we will try to have Lodge events, "Pass the Trash" and maybe someone to come in and entertain us. But you will have to keep looking here and come to the meetings to be informed about them. This was only my second message and it is getting harder to write them. So as I struggle to think of things to write about, come to the meetings and let us know what you want to hear. Also if you have an idea for the Lodge to do, come in and let us know. Remember, this is your Lodge and all Lodge's are only as strong as its membership. See you next time.

Walter S. Sawicki II
Noble Grand -

MEMORIAL

WILLIAM B. MAGNAN

Brother William B. Magnan was born in Kalamazoo Michigan on December 13, 1926. He departed this life on October 17, 2014 in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 87 years.

St. Louis lodge No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows initiated Brother Magnan into our Order on June 6, 1981. He received his First Degree on July 11, 1981, his second Degree on July 25, 1981 and his Third Degree on November 14, 1981. He was a 33 year member of our Order.

Marcella C. Magnan (nee Wesselny) his wife, preceded him in death. He is survived by his children, George A., Jane A. Eckelcamp, Thomas J, Elizabeth Delworth, Lawrence C. and Stephen W, He was a brother-in-law, grandfather, great-grand father, father-in-law, uncle, great uncle, cousin, godfather and friend to many.

His remains were donated to St. Louis University School of Medicine. A memorial service was held on November 8, 2014 at Mary Magdalen Church on South Kingshighway.

News of his death did not reach Lodge No, 5 until December 10, 2914.

For those members that doesn't know, St. Louis Lodge No. 5 will do an Odd Fellows funeral service for our deceased brothers. For information you may contact Robert Mayer, Secretary, or any officer of the lodge.

MEMORIAL

DONALD B. CAMPBELL

Brother B. Campbell was born on September 23, 1930 in St. Louis, Missouri. He departed this life on December 16, 2014 also in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 84 years.

St. Louis Lodge No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, initiated Brother Campbell into our Order on July 20, 1985. He received his First Degree on August 3, 1985, and his Second and Third Degrees on September 14, 1985. He served as Noble Grand of Lodge No. 5 from July 1988 to January 1989. He was a 29 year member of our Order and will be missed by many of his brethren.

Sister Barbra Campbell, his wife (nee Collins) survives him as does his children, Michele Liotta and Michael Campbell. He was the father of the late Jill Moran and Robert Campbell. He was a grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend to many.

Funeral was from Zeigenhein and Sons, 7027 Gravois, with visitation on Thursday, December 18, 2014. Internment was on Friday, December 19, 2014 at Lakewood Park Cemetery.

Odd Fellow services were held on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.. Officiating at the funeral services; Brother Thomas Moser as Noble Grand, Brother Larry Sisco as Vice Grand, Brother Craig Skinner as Chaplain and Brother Robert Mayer as Funeral Marshal. There were fourteen brothers and sisters attending services.

MEMORIAL

EDWARD J. KELLOGG III

Brother Edward John Kellogg III was born on October 6, 1946 in St. Louis, Missouri. He departed this life on November 23, 2014 at the age of 68 years, also in St. Louis, Missouri.

St. Louis Lodge No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows initiated Brother Kellogg into our Order on July 26, 2003. He was an 11 year member of our Order.

Edith A. Kellogg (nee Hughes), his wife, survives him as does his children, Denise Zavorka and Kristie Hannum. He was a grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend to many.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at Kutis South County Chapel with internment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on Friday, November 28, 2014.



Our Newest Member—Matthew Puhse



Noble Grand Whisenhunt & Nick Cichielo

Noble Grand Charles Whisenhunt presents a donation check to Nicholas R. Cichielo, MOCHIP (Missouri Masonic Child Identification Program) director. St. Louis Lodge No. 5 has helped support this program for many years.

If you have not heard of this program, they do a great job all over the State of Missouri. They have teams that set up their equipment at theaters, schools, shopping centers and just about anywhere they are invited. The team takes a picture, get finger prints, teeth impressions and a DNA sample and put it in a packet given to the parents. If your child gets lost or some other disaster should happen the packet helps the authorities in finding the person. This is all done free of charge for the family. Their goal is to have every child in our State go through the program. To date there have been over 200,000 go through the program and nine have been returned safely home because they had the packet.

If you are anyone in your family are interested as to where a team is located or want to more information go to mochip.org and check their schedule.

Ray's Tips Continued

Strange Noises

Is your machine making a strange whirring noise? It might be a fan dying. Computers accumulate dust over time, and when fans get clogged, they can slow down, decreasing their effectiveness and making an unpleasant grinding sound.

Another common computer problem is the dreaded "click" of a dying hard drive — one of the most potentially destructive PC problems there is. If you hear a rapid clicking or clunking noise inside your computer, it's best to get a backup plan in place, if you don't already have one — chances are your hard drive is close to dying and taking all your valuable data with it. Then again, it may be a loose component or screw inside the machine. Either way, don't ignore it.

Overheating

Dying fans, poor ventilation, or even heavy use can create computer problems as the PC heats up. Most computers are designed to shut down when things get too hot, as a precaution against permanent hardware damage, but it can be pretty alarming when a machine just switches off seemingly out of nowhere.

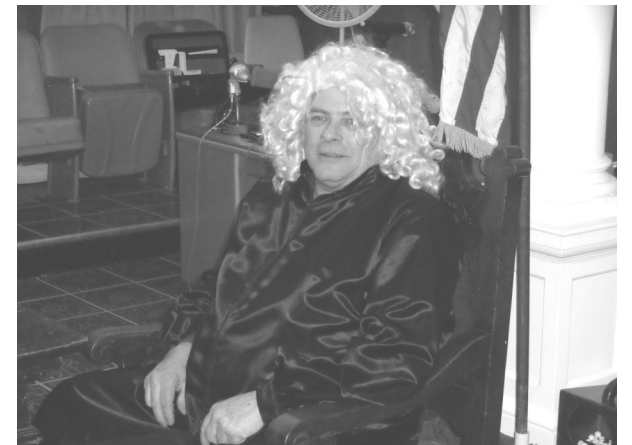
Overheating can cause all sorts of other computer problems. Overheating can cause mouse glitches, strange performance in software, or lockups, while an overheating video card can cause the display to momentarily fail.

FUN BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The Lodge has again voted to hold another Fun Bowling Tournament. It will be on January 25, 2015 at Sunset Lanes, 7777 Watson Road. It is open to all members of Lodge No. 5, their spouses or significant other. No one under the age of sixteen will be allowed to bowl. It will be three games for team event and three games for doubles event. It will be a handicapped event so everyone will have an equal chance. No prize money or entry fees will be involved. All winners (and losers) will be awarded trophies at our annual banquet in August.

Registration will start after January 1, 2015 you may call Robert Mayer Sr. at 314-771-2652 or see him at lodge. No registrations will be accepted after January 21, 2015. If you sign up and don't show or call to cancel, you will not be eligible for any future tournaments.

Aren't They Adorable



Mercenary Troubles

In some people's eyes, he was the lowest of the low. John was a mercenary - a man who'd fight for whichever side paid him the most. If there were battles to be fought, and it paid enough, well, John was your man. He left home as a teenager, and first he fought for the Dutch when they went to war against Spain. Then he went to Austria to fight against the Turks. The fighting between the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Turkish Empire was soon dubbed "The Long War."

And as the war spread into Transylvania, John was captured by the Turkish army. That's when he realized that this enemy played by a different set of rules. First he thought that he was going to be held for ransom. But no, that was not to be his fate. There was to be no ransom. You see, even though he was a heck of a good fighting man, he was still a mercenary and his employer was not going to pay ransom for a mercenary.

And that's also when things went from bad to worse for ol' John. Since no money was forthcoming, the Turks decided to sell John as a slave! Another man's property! To John, this was as low as life got. His new Turkish owner was an important nobleman, and as things would have it, the nobleman was in the middle of trying to impress a certain young woman. He decided that this bright and brave young white man he had purchased would make a good gift, so the nobleman gave John to the woman as a present! He was to be her bodyguard, protector and servant when needed. John, the once proud fighter, was now reduced to something less than a piece of property; he was a piece of property somebody was happy to give away!

For the Turkish nobleman, though, the plan worked beautifully. The young woman was impressed by her present, and she considered her new suitor a man of breeding and generosity. Meanwhile John began to realize that within the circle of slaves, he was something of a curiosity - after all, none of the other girls had a Western slave. The woman, in fact, was so intrigued by her new possession that she sent John to her brother, so that her brother could teach John proper slave behavior. The Turkish woman thought that once the Western slave would learn how to behave himself in the presence of the Turkish nobility, she would be the talk of the palace.

John went along with this plan, because he had to. But one day he saw his chance for escape. He killed his captor and fled. And through luck and cunning John made it back to the Austrian army in Transylvania. He received a hero's welcome and got a large sum of back pay. He returned home, but soon he was restless once more, and he left home for another adventure. As luck would have it, once again he got involved with a young woman. But this time the woman was a Native American princess named Pocahontas. Yep, *It's a Little Known Fact* that before he became one of America's first genuine heroes, Captain John Smith fought as a mercenary and was then imprisoned and enslaved in the Turkish empire!

Ray's Computer Tips

Computer Problems and PC Errors

Every PC user has a computer problem now and then. Even the most stable, secure machine is not safe from buggy software, failing hardware, or even the occasional loose wire. PC problems can be a huge headache, bringing productivity to a halt and potentially costing you money. Here are some of the most common computer problems, and their possible causes.

The Computer Won't Turn On

This can be a computer user's worst nightmare. You hit the power button and nothing happens. Any number of things can cause this computer problem — it may be something as simple as a loose cord, or as serious as a dead power supply.

Another common PC problem is when the computer turns on and the fan and lights come on, but the machine doesn't boot, or shows a blank screen. This could be anything from a dead (or unplugged) monitor to a dead hard drive or corrupted boot sector.

Lockups and Freezes

The infamous "blue screen of death" has frustrated many a user, as it brings the computer to a halt and displays an error message that's utterly indecipherable to most computer users. Lockups can be caused by any number of issues — sometimes it's buggy software, or a system running out of memory.

Sometimes it's a bad hardware driver causing the issue. More seriously, it can be a sign of overheating, RAM going bad, or the hard drive failing. Components get loose inside the machine and can also cause computer errors, sudden lockups, or even spontaneous shutdowns.

Slow Performance

When you delete files and applications from the computer, all kinds of junk can get left behind. Useless files and data can accumulate and degrade system performance. Ironically, antivirus and anti-malware software, while vital to the health of a computer, can slow down a PC's performance. Low hard drive space or not enough RAM in the machine can also cause computer errors and slow down the machine.



Santa arrives



I Bet he didn't get my letter



Fascinating



Santa's little helpers



Santa's cheerful Elves



The long wait in line



The real deal

Pictures From our Annual Christmas Party



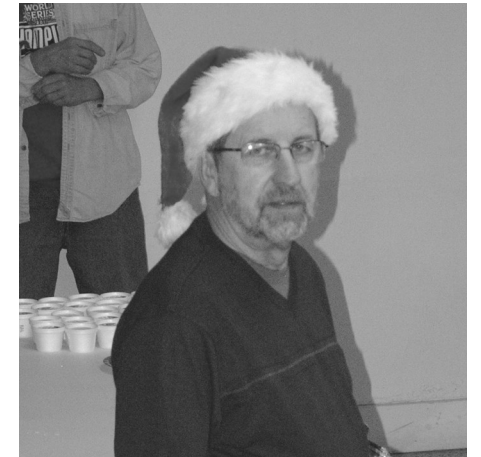
Children of all ages



Have you really been that good?



He's here, He's here, here comes Santa



It's all yours next year John