

**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**

January 2, 2016	<b>Morning Meeting 9:00am</b> Refreshments – Danish Rolls - Bagels Orange Juice, Soda and Coffee
January 9, 2016	<b>Regular Meeting - 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Philly Cheese Steak Hoagies Sandwiches, Chips Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water
January 16, 2016	<b>Installation of New Officers 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Chicken fried stakes, Gravy, Mash Potatoes and Green Beans, Rolls, Soda and Coffee ( <b>dinner after installation</b> )
January 23, 2016	<b>Initiatory Degree 7:30pm</b> Refreshments - Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Rolls, Soda and Coffee
January 30, 2016	<b>Regular Meeting - 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Chili 3ways, cheese, Soda crackers, and Sour Cream Soda, Coffee and Water
February 6, 2016	<b>First Degree 7:30am</b> Refreshments – Meatloaf with Gravy, Mash Potatoes, Green beans, Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water
February 13, 2016	<b>Second Degree - 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Cannelloni, Red and White Sauce, Salad, Italian Bread Soda, Coffee and Water
February 20, 2016	<b>Morning Meeting 9:00 AM</b> Refreshments – Sausage and Pancakes (Nick & Sam Special) Orange Juice, Soda and Coffee
February 27, 2016	<b>Third Degree 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Open Face Roast Beef with Gravy, Mash Potatoes Green Beans, Rolls, Soda and 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 2016



**John W. Siscel**

Once upon a time there was a man believed to be a goat herder who lived in the mountains of Malaysia. This goat herder is not an ordinary man, but a handsome well educated man who loved his goats.

John W. Siscel, was born on February 27, 1946 in St. Louis, Missouri and was educated in the St. Louis Public Schools, graduating from Cleveland High School in 1964. He earned an AB in History from UMSL in 1968 and a Master's degree in Educational Administration in January 1971 from the same place. In August, 1974 he was awarded a Doctor of Education degree from the University of MO-Columbia.

In 1975 he was honored to marry Barbara Simmons and in 1978 a son, John W. IV was born. Professionally, Brother Siscel, served as an elementary school teacher in St. Louis, a principal in the Union, MO school system and finally Superintendent of Schools in the Dora R-III school system in Dora, MO from 1975-1977.

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**A Message From Our  
Noble Grand  
Officers and Members**

Greetings Brothers;

This being my last message, I would like to recap. First off, this has been a good year and I think we had some fun and got a lot of work done. Our three safety breaks were fun and the weather was good for all three. We met some new friends and saw some old ones from the previous years. We had a good turn out and there was plenty of help.

We had a great picnic at a new park. The weather was a little wet, but we managed. The food was great and everybody had fun. I want to thank the Moolah clowns for coming and helping with the children. Brother Brian Goldman did a good job of keeping the children busy and I am sure he had just as much fun.

We fixed meals for the Ronald McDonald house this year. It was the first year we did this and it was very successful.

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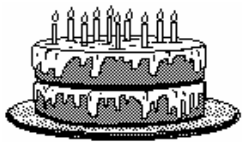
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**Scholarships**

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 Gruettemeyer 03
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. Sisco - 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**

November 7th, Pete Cauchon.....WINNER  
 November 14th, Norm Schultheis.....WINNER  
 November 21st, John Sisel.....WINNER  
 November 28th, Rich Walsh.....WINNER  
 December 5th, Tom Kreyling.....WINNER  
 December 12th, Ervin Drawing.....WINNER  
 December 19th, Ervin Drawing.....WINNER  
 December 26th, Pat Yancey.....WINNER

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

**Sick and Shut-ins**

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**  
 Walter S. Sawicki II.....314-752-4133  
**Vice Grand**  
 John Eckert.....314-616-3884  
**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**

**DELETE**

None (thank goodness)

**CHANGE**

**James Cauchon**  
 9525 Trescott Ave.  
 Overland, Mo. 63114  
 HP# 651-7067



**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.

**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.

As luck would have it, Brother Siscel was selected to become the Administrator of the New Hope Living & Learning Center of Waterloo, IL a home and school for severely handicapped children. This shift in professions took him in 1980 to a life & career changing move to the association management profession. In 1980 he became the Executive Vice President of the Plumbing Industry Council, and 2 other related industry organizations.

In 1990 he accepted a similar position with the Mechanical Contractors Association retiring from them on August 31, 2007. He then set up a consulting firm, JWS Services, LLC. During his association career he was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Association Executives from 2000-2003. An active freemason since December 1967, he was also active in De Molay, serving as State Master Councilor. In the Masonic Fraternity he has received the 33<sup>rd</sup> degree in 1985, and, if elected in June of 2016, will become Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in MO. He was privileged to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home of MO and served from 2006 to 2010.

A record of which Brother Siscel is most proud is his public service. Through appointment of the late Buzz Westfall, he served over 10 years on the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District from 1993-2003, serving as Chairman in 1996. Additionally, every Governor of Missouri from John Ashcroft through Jay Nixon has appointed him to significant leadership positions. In 1992 he was appointed to the Board of Regents of Harris Stowe State College, appointed to a full term by Mel Carnahan. Bob Holden appointed him to the MO Health & Educational Facilities Authority serving as its chairman In 2004, Matt Blant put him of the Board of Governors of Truman State University Chairman 2011, & Jay Nixon appointed him as a Commissioner of the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners in 2012. Service like this has been gratifying set of activities to an equally active career, culminating with membership in St. Louis Lodge #5, IOOF.

### **ROBERTSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

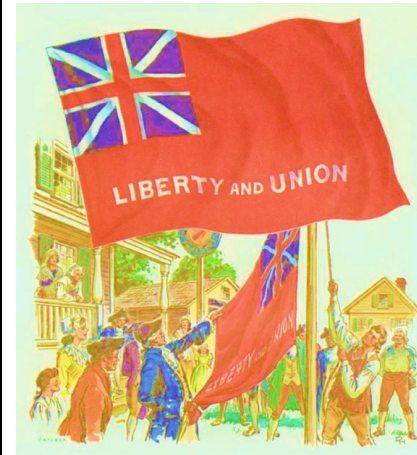
The fund is open to all members and children and grandchildren of members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5. This does include widows.

To apply; the student must write to St. Louis Lodge No. 5, 3765 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63108 to request an application packet.

**ONLY THE STUDENT MUST REQUEST THIS.** Requests made from parents, grandparents or other than the student will not be answered. The application packet must be filled out in its **entirety** and returned no later than March 1st. Any applications post marked or received after March 1st will be returned unopened.

### **A place of honor**

## **The Liberty and Union Flag**



This flag was first flown on the town green by the citizens of Taunton, Massachusetts on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1774. It is considered to be one of the very first of our American flags. It is based on a traditional British Red Ensign Flag, which was the official flag of Great Britain at the time, with the words "Liberty and Union" added on the bottom. A description of the flag was printed in the *Boston Evening Post* and it soon spread around the colonies. Their protests were against corrupt politicians, taxes, and laws that had been passed which they believed violated their constitutional rights as British subjects. By raising the British Red Ensign, they showed that they were still loyal British subjects, but by adding "Liberty and Union," they declared that they wouldn't tolerate having their rights as British citizens violated. Those who hoisted the flag left the following inscription at the base of the pole:

*“Be it known to the present, and to all future generations, that the Sons of Liberty in Taunton, fired with zeal for the preservation of their rights as men, and as American Englishmen, and prompted by a just resentment of the wrongs and injuries offered to the English Colonies in general, and to this Province in particular, through the unjust claims of a British Parliament, and the Machiavellian policy of their fixed resolution to preserve sacred and inviolate their birth-rights and charter-rights, and to resist, even unto blood, all attempts for their subversion or abridgment.”*

*“Born to be free, we spurn the knaves who dare for us the chains of slavery to prepare. Steadfast, in freedom's cause, we'll live and die, unawed by Statesmen; foes to tyranny, but if oppression brings us to our graves, and marks us dead, she ne'er shall mark us slaves.”*

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

A big thanks goes out to Brother Gio Mangiore for setting the dates up for the Lodge. He will be setting up some dates for next year, so watch the Link-N-Line for the new dates. Better yet, come to Lodge and hear them first hand. (Sorry, tripped over the soap box again.)

We had the Banquet at a new place and it went over big. Genesis Catering did a great job with the meal and the location was easy to get to. Our set up was a little different than in the past, but all in all it worked out. The food was great and all the servers were very friendly and helpful. They kept our drinks up and cleaned the tables in record time. In Lodge there was a motion to go back to Genesis again. As for Degree Work, there was plenty of it. We have new members in our Family. And if you were not there for the Degree Work, try to make it to one of the meetings and greet them in Lodge. (Tripped over that box again.)

This year there was a mix-up with the location for the Children's Christmas Party, but I want to thank Brother's, Charles Whisenhunt, Richard Roesch, Robert Mayer and John Eckert for their quick thinking. They called one of our new members, Brother John Bear, who is on the Board at Webster Groves. He found that the date was open and that we could use it. Brother Eckert spread out the names of those coming to his Committee and all the phone calls were made to inform all of the move. It was a great time for all.

At the start of my term, we lost one of the biggest names in our Family. Brother Larry Sisco (PDDGM). He did so much for the Lodge. He was the Financial Secretary, Editor for the Link-N-Lines, kept the Members Directory up to date, fixed the Key Cards for the doors, Etc. Etc. Etc. He did a lot of the roles in the Degree Work and he was the Popcorn man. His job was divided into three parts; Brother Whisenhunt was voted in as the Financial Secretary and is doing a great job. He has the Lodge's best interest in heart and he shows it by his actions. Brother Ray White took over as the Editor for the Link-N-Lines and also the Members Directory and the Key Cards.

I want to thank all my Officers for a great year. There were some good and some bad times, but the good weighed the bad. So all in all it was a good year. I want to congratulate all the new Officers and hope they have a great year. This will be my last time on the Soap Box. Come to the Installation and great your new Officers and support them throughout the year.

Walter S. Sawicki II  
Noble Grand -

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St. Louis Lodge No. 5 recently updated their web site and made changes to improve the quality and functions.

Come check the web site out and see the new and improved. The new address is

**ioof-stl.org**

### Basic Computer Words: Network, Internet, & URL's



A "**network**" is two or more computers hooked together. When two computers are "networked," information can be moved from one computer to the other. Companies have many computers on their network, so employees can share information with each other.

The "**Internet**" is an "international network of networks," or a whole bunch of computers all over the world, connected together.

Your **Internet Supplier** (sometimes called your Internet Service Provider, or **ISP**), keeps their computers turned on all the time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are a permanent part of the Internet. This way, whenever someone sends you an e-mail, it goes to their computer, where it is stored until you are ready for it. When you turn your computer on, and your computer connects to their computer, when you check your e-mail, the e-mail message goes the last part of its journey, to your computer.

Those "www.whatever.com" thingy's are called "**Universal Resource Locators**" or "**URL's**" for short.

When you use a "**browser**" program (like Microsoft Internet Explorer or Google), and you type in one of those "www.whatever.com" thingy's, your computer sends a request to the other computer, somewhere on the Internet (somewhere in the world). The other computer sends the "webpage" at that URL back to your computer, and you see it on your screen. Every time you click on another link (which is actually another URL); it requests another "page" of information from that new URL. That new page may be located on the same computer, or it may be located on a computer on the other side of the world.

Because all these computers on the Internet are connected together, when information is being sent from one place to another, it gets passed from computer to computer, till it gets where it is going. If one computer is not working, the information is "automatically" sent by another route. This is what makes the Internet so robust. If some computers are not working, it doesn't block the communication. The communication is just re-routed automatically.

**In God we trust, all others we virus scan.**

## A Tractor Accident



An old Texas rancher name of Clyde was involved in a tractor accident. In court, the trucking company's fancy hot shot city lawyer, was questioning old Clyde. "...Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine,'?" asked the lawyer.

Clyde responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite Seed Bull, Magnum, into the..." "I didn't ask for any details", the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question, ...please. Did you, or did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'" Clyde said, "Well, I had just got Magnum into the trailer behind the tractor and I was driving down the road...."

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Your Honor, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question." By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in ole Clyde's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite Seed Bull, Magnum".

Clyde thanked the Judge and proceeded. "Well, as I was saying, I had just loaded Magnum, my favorite Seed Bull, into the trailer and was driving him down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my John Deere Tractor right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Magnum was thrown into the other. I was hurting, real bad and didn't want to move.

However, I could hear old Magnum moaning and groaning. I knew he was in terrible shape just by his groans. Shortly after the accident a Highway Patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Magnum moaning and groaning as well, so he went over to him. After he looked at Magnum, and saw his fatal condition, he took out his pistol and shot him right between the eyes. Then the Patrolman came across the road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, "How are you feeling?" "Now tell me your Honor, what the heck would you say?"



## The Sack Lunch

I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. 'I'm glad I have a good book to read. Perhaps I will get a short nap,' I thought. Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation. 'Where are you headed?' I asked the soldier seated nearest to me. 'Chicago – to Great Lakes Base. We'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to Iraq ' After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars.

It would be a couple of hours before we reached Chicago, and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time. As I reached for my wallet, I overheard soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. 'No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till we get to Chicago ' His friend agreed.

I looked around at the other soldiers. None were buying lunch. I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty dollar bill. "Take a lunch to all those soldiers." She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes wet with tears, she thanked me. 'My son was a soldier in Iraq; it's almost like you are doing it for him.' Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat and asked, 'Which do you like best – beef or chicken?' 'Chicken,' I replied, wondering why she asked. She turned and went to the front of plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class. 'This is your thanks.'

After we finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading for the rest room. A man stopped me. 'I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this.' He handed me twenty-five dollars. Soon after I returned to my seat, I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle, looking at the aisle numbers as he walked, I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand, and said, 'I want to shake your hand.'

Quickly unfastening my seatbelt I stood and took the Captain's hand. With a booming voice he said, 'I was a soldier and I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot.' I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all of the passengers. Later I walked to the front of the plane so I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm. When we landed in Chicago I gathered my belongings and started to deplane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars! Upon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. 'It will take you some time to reach the base. It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You.' Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers. As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a sandwich. It seemed so little...



St. Louis Lodge No. 5 (I.O.O.F) held it's annual Children's Christmas Party at Webster Groves Masonic Lodge. The party was well attended and fun was had by all including our members.



**Thank You**  
to all the lodge members who helped setup and assisted with the Christmas Party.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Installation of New Lodge Officer's St. Louis Lodge No. 5 (I.O.O.F)

**Date:** January 16, 2016  
**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Location:** Three Links Building  
3765 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, Mo. 63108



St. Louis Lodge No. 5

## Fun Bowling Day



Escape the cold and join St. Louis Lodge No. 5 for some bowling fun.

**When:** Sunday, February 21, 2015  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Sunset Lanes  
7777 Watson Rd  
Saint Louis, MO 63119

**Contact:** Secretary Bob Mayer for more information