

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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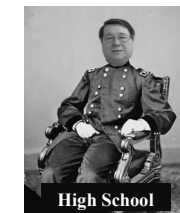
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Tigers Elite Baseball and Softball Program's

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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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.

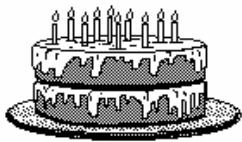
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

March


Richard G. Walsh-01
Frank Dillon-05
Jeremy McCoy-09
Leroy L. Jennings-10
Thomas Dittrich Jr.10
Billy P. Ross-15
W. B. Stephenson -19
Eric A. Raney-23
Stanley R. Bialczak-26
C. Ray. White Jr-30

April

Nicholas Rogers-01
Norman Schultheis-03
Richard Swanson-04
John Eckert-06
Kenneth White-06
Bradley Vaughn-06
David Vogler-07
Dwight Wyatt-08
Lionel Goede-09
Rex Gooch-09
Ronald Angel-13
Cody Lehmann-13
Daniel Hiatt-15
LaVern Sailor-16
Rudolph Beuc III-19
Paxton Rogers-20
Jasper Mangiore-27
Robert Bruckner-27
Samuel Beggs-30



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

Jan 17--John Sisel.....\$25.00 WINNER
Jan 24--Craig Skinner.....\$25.00 WINNER
Jan 31--Tom Mosier.....\$25.00 WINNER
Feb 07--Charlie Huey.....\$25.00 WINNER
Feb 14--Pat Yancy.....\$25.00 WINNER
Feb 21--Clifford Thurston.....\$25.00 WINNER
Feb 28--Tom Dittrich.....\$25.00 WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

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.

Vernon Goede.....314-353-3342
Mike Morgan.....314-351-4610
Charles Iselin.....314-644-3462

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

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

Update your Membership Directory

DELETE

Larry Sisco, William Pollick

CHANGE

Clifford Thurston
10600 Lewis and Clark Blvd. Apt. A-125
St. Louis, 63136

ADD

None at this time

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

Tigers Elite Baseball and Softball Continued

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 Odd fellows 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!

Noble Grand Continued

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 -

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH



MY BROTHER

In my duty as Secretary, I write many obituaries for many of our fraternal brothers. Recently I had to write one for a very close friend whom all of us miss.

I worked with Brother Larry Sisco on many lodge projects and spent many hours with him. We developed a long lasting friendship having mutual trust in one another. We revised the By-Laws at least twice, we collaborated on the roster, number of members the lodge had. We worked together on the Hall Company finances and the Odd Fellows Association finances. Many of the repairs and improvements you see in the building are because of his foresight to reserve some of our holdings for such a purpose. He always kept the welfare of his lodge in the forefront. There wasn't a committee that he didn't serve and advise on. He and I both served as Banquet Committee chairman and as District Deputy Grand Masters. We both learned degree work and he was more proficient in memory work and floor work than I. With his passing, the lodge has lost a lot of knowledge of ritual and lodge functions.

I can say this about Brother Sisco, and it's a fact, that he wasn't interested in titles, awards or praise. He was devoted first to his wife, Fran, and second to Odd Fellowship spending many hours with both. Seldom has a member like Brother Sisco come forward to do the work that needed to be done and enjoyed doing it without complaint.

The best eulogy I can think of that he would appreciate is that he was an Odd Fellow, our friend and our brother. He is now with those friends and brothers who have gone before him, he will not be alone. After a life well spent on earth, he will hear the welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of our Lord."

Robert J. Mayer Sr.

ODD FELLOWS FUNERAL SERVICE

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

WALTER W. POLLICK JR.

Brother Walter William Pollick Jr. was born on August 30, 1940 in St. Louis, Missouri. He departed this life on January 20, 2015 at the age of 74 years.

St. Louis Lodge No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows initiated Brother Pollick into our Order on March 9, 2002. He was an 12 year member of our Order.

His brother Robert D. Pollick, his sister Donna P. Curd, and his brother, and his brother David L. Pollick survives him. He was a brother-in-law, uncle and friend to many.

Funeral was from Lupton Chapel, 7233 Delmar Boulevard on Friday, January 23, 2015 at 10:30 P.M.. His remains were interred at Memorial Park Cemetery that same day. No Odd Fellow services were requested.

MEMORIAL

LARRY W. SISCO

BROTHER LARRY W. SISCO was born on July 12, 1945 in St. Louis, Missouri. He departed this life on January 13, 2015 also in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 69-years. St. Louis Lodge No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows initiated Brother Sisco into our Order on May 16, 1979. He received his First and Second Degree on June 16, 1979 and his Third Degree on September 8, 1979.



Larry W. Sisco *continued*

He was Noble Grand of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 from July of 1982 to January 1983. He has a long history of service and devotion in our Order. He was District Deputy Grand Master in 1986 and 2007.

He was elected Treasurer of Lodge No. 5 in 1985. He then became Financial Secretary in 1986 a position he held until his death. He was elected a Trustee of Lodge No. 5 in 2000 and held that office until his death. He was the Treasurer of the Odd Fellows Hall Company and Secretary for the St. Louis Odd Fellows Association. He was the Editor of the Link-N-Lines, the lodge newsletter. He administered the Robertson Benevolent Fund Scholarship Program for which he never asked for any compensation. He served on almost every committee of Lodge No. 5, freely offering advice and his services when needed. He was also serving as Treasurer for Wildey Lodge No. 2, I.O.O.F. at the time of his death. He will long be missed by his brethren for such devotion and dedication is rarely found. He was a 34-year member of our Order.

Frances Sisco (nee Perez) survives him as does his son, Joseph Sisco Sr. He was the grandfather of Joseph Jr., Nicholas and Amber Sisco. He was a brother, brother-in-law, great-uncle, cousin and friend to many. Funeral was from Fey Funeral Home, 4100 Lemay Ferry Road on January 19, 2015. Memorial services were held on January 20, 2015 with Brother Sisco receiving full military honors. Brother Sisco's remains were cremated. Odd Fellow services were held on January 19th at 7:00 P.M. .

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.

Friends stand together
Philip Peterson — Matthew Puhse



MENTORING

Each new candidate in your Lodge is the Lodge's future and every single member should have a vested interest in insuring that he remains interested and enthusiastic.

Each and every new candidate should, from his initiatory degree onwards, be assigned a mentor to take them by the hand and guide them through the basics of our fraternity, answer his questions, teach him history and symbols.

Lodges should get the candidate involved as soon as possible. Attempt to get the new member to participate in degree work as well as any lodge activity

Step-by-step instruction will give him a sense of belonging and the feeling that he has a purpose and he will soon want to attend Lodge meetings to assist in the work.

Odd Fellows many facets of ritual, Lodge etiquette, Symbols, Operative history, Speculative history, Lodge history, etc. are not learned overnight and are practically impossible for a new member to grasp all at once.

Walter Clifton congratulates Matthew Puhse for completing the next step of knowledge.



HELPING A STRANGER



On a cold November night in Times Square, Officer Lawrence DePrimo was working a counterterrorism post when he encountered an older, barefooted homeless man. The officer disappeared for a moment, then returned with a new pair of boots, and knelt to help the man put them on. The act of kindness would have gone unnoticed and mostly forgotten, had it not been for a tourist from Arizona.

Her snapshot taken with her cellphone on November 14, 2012 and posted to the New York Police Department's official Facebook page has made Officer DePrimo an overnight Internet hero. By Wednesday evening, the post had been viewed 1.6 million times, and had attracted nearly 275,000 "likes"

and more than 16,000 comments — a runaway hit for a Police Department that waded warily onto the social media platform this summer with mostly canned photos of gun seizures, award ceremonies and the police commissioner. Among all of those posts, the blurry image of Officer DePrimo kneeling to help the shoeless man as he sat on 42nd Street stood out. "This is definitely the most viral," said Barbara Chen, a spokeswoman for the department who helps manage its Facebook page.

Thousands of people commented on Facebook which linked to the post on Wednesday. Most of them praised Officer DePrimo, yet some suspected that the photograph had been staged. Many debated whether the officer's actions were representative of police officers in general, or were just unusually exceptional. "I still have a grudge against law enforcement everywhere," wrote one commenter on the police Facebook page. "But my respects to that fine officer." Officer DePrimo, 25, who joined the department in 2010 and lives with his parents on Long Island, was shocked at the attention. He was not warned before the photo went online; the department had not learned which officer was in the picture until hours later

As the man walked slowly down Seventh Avenue on his heels, Officer DePrimo went into a Sketcher's shoe store at about 9:30 p.m. "We were just kind of shocked," said Jose Cano, 28, a manager working at the store that night. "Most of us are New Yorkers and we just kind of pass by that kind of thing. Especially in this neighborhood." Mr. Cano volunteered to give the officer his employee discount to bring down the regular \$100 price of the all-weather boots to a little more than \$75. The officer has kept the receipt in his vest since then, he said, "to remind me that sometimes people have it worse." The photo was taken by Jennifer Foster, a civilian communications director for the Pinal County Sheriff's Office in Arizona. She said the moment resonated for personal reasons: She remembered as a young girl seeing her father, a 32-year veteran of the Phoenix police force, buy food for a homeless man. "He squatted down, just like this officer," she said.

After returning from vacation, she described the picture in an e-mail to the New York Police Department, thinking of it as a sort of a compliment card. She never expected the picture to end up online — "I'm not on Facebook," she said — but a department official e-mailed her and asked if she would send along the photo so it could be posted.

As for the man he helped, Officer DePrimo never got his name, and he could not be immediately located on Wednesday. "He was the most polite gentleman I had met," the officer said, adding that the man's face lit up at the sight of the boots. Officer DePrimo offered him a cup of coffee, but "as soon

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.

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Sam used to sit here



This is how you cook hotdogs



I'm a happy guy



Am I in the right place



Do we look confused?



Not only are we cute, but Italian's too



Are you the bank manger

2015 Installation Pictures



Yes, it's true.. we're in the centerfold



Are they really in the centerfold



"Centerfold" who's in the centerfold



Thank you for coming to our sewing class