

Refreshments and Activities at your lodge
All refreshments served at 6:30 P.M. except when otherwise noted
All meeting are at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted

March 5, 2016	Regular Meeting - 7:30pm Refreshments – Beef Stew, French Bread Soda, Coffee and Water
March 12, 2016	Initiatory Degree 7:30pm Refreshments - Fried Chicken , Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Rolls, Soda and Coffee
March 19, 2016	Morning Meeting 9:00am Refreshments – Danish Rolls - Bagels Orange Juice, Soda and Coffee
March 26, 2016	Regular Meeting - 7:30pm Refreshments – Ham, Sweet Potato's Green Beans, Rolls, Desert, Cake, Pie, Soda, Coffee and Water
April 2, 2016	First Degree 7:30pm Refreshments – Mostaccioli, French Bread Salad, Soda, Coffee and Water
April 9, 2016	Morning Meeting 9:00 AM Refreshments – Biscuits, Sausage and Gravy Orange Juice, Soda and Coffee
April 16, 2016	Regular Meeting 7:30pm Refreshments – Sausage and Sauerkraut, Chips Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water
April 23, 2016	Second Degree - 7:30pm Refreshments – Chicken Parmesan, Alfredo Pasta with White Sauce, Salad, Italian Bread, Soda, Coffee and Water
April 30, 2016	Regular Meeting 7:30pm Refreshments – Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water
May 7, 2016	Third Degree 7:30pm Refreshments – Open Face Roast Beef with Gravy, Mash Potatoes Green Beans, Rolls, Soda and Coffee and Water





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March - April 2016



**Jasper
Mangiore**

I was born in April 1943, in a town in Sicily called Castelvetro Selinunte. This name comes from an old Roman and Greek city. So it goes back a couple of thousands of years. During WWII President Roosevelt actually had a meeting with General Eisenhower at an airstrip on the outskirts of this old city. I lived there happily until our family came to the United States of America in February of 1958. None of my family knew a word of English; we came across the Atlantic in a converted old military troop carrier. It was a rough trip in the middle of winter. When we arrived in New York City we were finally allowed to go up on deck. The ship was one huge block of ice. It was kind of scary, yet beautiful thing. I had never seen anything like it. The first person off the ship at the gate was a big black man wearing a uniform. I didn't know where we had landed. The North Pole or Africa. We stayed a few days in NYC to visit with some relatives. My cousin and a friend then drove us to a place called St Louis, Missouri in a Cadillac. That was the biggest car I had ever seen, in those days they were big and long.

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

Greetings Brothers;

First of all, I want to thank you for electing me Noble Grand for 2016. I hope that I will be able to follow in the footsteps of the past Noble Grands and continue in their great leadership tradition. With your help, I know that I should have no problem. I also want to thank my line officers and to those brothers who have agreed to serve on the various committees.

I also want to thank Brother Richard Aguilar, PG, for once again “volunteering” to head the Banquet Committee, and Brother Ray White for once again taking charge of and coordinating the Safety Coffee Breaks. We appreciate all of the time and hard work they put in to these events to make them the successes they are. The last three months have been busy. In addition to voting in five new candidates, we have had an Initiatory Degree in January and First, Second and Third Degrees in February.

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Scholarships

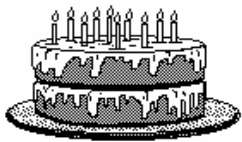
Information and applications for our scholarship program will be available after December 1, 2015. To qualify you must be a Third Degree member of the Lodge or the son, daughter and grandchild of a living Third Degree member of the Lodge. Contact a Trustee of the Lodge for further information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

MARCH

APRIL

Richard Walsh	01	Nicholas Rogers	01
Frank Dillon	04	Norman Schultheis	03
Jeremy McCoy	09	Richard Swanson	04
Leroy Jennings	10	John Eckert	06
Thomas Dittrich Jr	10	Kenneth White	06
Billy Ross	15	Bradley Vaughn	06
Wm. Stephenson Jr	19	David Vogler	07
Eric Raney	23	Dwight Wyatt	08
Stanley Bialczak	26	Lionel Goede	09
Ray White	30	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

- January 2nd, Jasper Mangiore.....WINNER
- January 9th, Craig Skinner.....WINNER
- January 16th, Robert Mayer.....WINNER
- January 23rd, Craig Skinner.....WINNER
- January 30th, Clifford ThurstonWINNER
- February 6th, Robert Atwell.....WINNER
- February 13th, Charles Whisenhunt.....WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

- Ken White.....314-718-0845
- John Fox.....573-431-3910

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**
- John Eckert.....314-616-3884
- Vice Grand**
- Ray White314-567-0455
- 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

None (thank goodness)



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.

We arrived in the middle of the night and boy was it cold. We stayed with relatives for a few months and attended a local school. I was placed in the third grade but it was hard to understand because I was 15 years old, I had to learn English. Everything was strange to us especially the language. It wasn't fun. We then moved our own home near Wellston, Mo. It was a neighborhood in transition and I got in a lot of fights while attending another grade school. A friend of mine got me a job at a corner grocery store for a Jewish couple, nice people. I delivered groceries and anything else that needed to be delivered. All during this time I was also slowly learning English. After about a year our family again moved to a neighborhood in south St Louis. Another grade school and by this time I was in the 7th grade. Eventually someone figured out that my brother and I were too old to be in grade schools so they transferred us to Roosevelt High School where we eventually graduated in 1963. It was here that I met Larry Sisco in 1959 in 4th hour choir class. We remained friends until he decided to go to a better place. After graduating from High School I attended two semesters at what was then the new St Louis Community college. It was their first year of operation and classes were being held at Roosevelt High at night. In 1964 my brother and I along with two friends enlisted in the United States Air Force. After training I spent some time with a SAC unit in Arkansas and was later sent to Tripoli, Libya. I really enjoyed my stay in Libya because there was a lot of Italians there who had stayed after the war. They sort of adopted me which was like being home again.

Looking back, I think that I actually met Colonel Khadafy while in Libya because during my tour, the US Air Force and the Libya Air Force shared the same Air Base. Since coming to the United States I have had the opportunity to return to my place of birth, and visit with my relatives and friends. Over the years, I have learned many things including a new language. I have made lifelong friends and even after my time in the military I have come back to St. Louis, Missouri because this is my home. After being discharged from the USAF and a couple of jobs I didn't like, I went to work for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. By this time, I had three children, therefore work was a necessity. I worked for about 8 years in various capacities. One day a lifelong friend and I decided to go into the restaurant business, however neither one of us knew anything about the restaurant business. But we did not let that stop us; we borrowed money and purchased a restaurant from an old Sicilian couple. We kept the restaurant for about four years. After leaving the restaurant business I went to work for the Venture Stores; I lasted for about 12 years. The company was going under so I decided to go on a wild adventure to San Diego California to manage a new restaurant for a friend, it turns out that I was an outsider in a family business. I decided that it was time to come back home to St. Louis where I joined the Ryan's Steak House Company. I worked there for about 13 years, It was at this time, that my old friend Larry Sisco talked me into joining the IOOF.

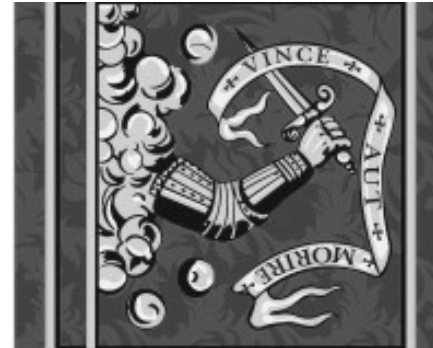
ROBERTSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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 Bedford Flag

As a result of Brother Paul Revere's ride, the Minutemen gathered at Concord Bridge on April 19th, 1775, to face the British. This colorful banner waved over them; the arm and sword and the Latin motto "Conquer or Die" symbolized very well their determination to fight for home and liberty. This priceless relic is of the oldest of flags in the United States. It had been made in England in the 17th century for use by the Three County Troop. This cavalry unit from eastern Massachusetts defended the Colonists against the Indians in the late 1600's. The square shape was typical of cavalry flags, known at that time as Cornets. Today, this flag can be viewed at Bedford, Massachusetts.

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

Ray's Computer Tips



Learning to use computers

Today, web-savvy seniors are embracing email, blogs and the whole world of information at their fingertips through Google and other search engines. In fact, people over 60 are the fastest growing segment of computer and internet users. Join them! If you don't know how to use a computer or want to enhance your skills, you can take free classes at libraries, senior centers, Parks Department Recreation Centers and through OATS (Older Adults Technology Services). And if you don't own a computer, you can reserve one for use at a public library. There's nothing like the Web for keeping people connected. Don't let the world pass you by!

Recently while doing research I discovered a website that I think is great for beginner or someone who wants to refresh their memory. The site is called **OnGuardonline.gov**. This is a federal government website that offers practical tips in easy to understand language on such topics as home wireless security; email scams; getting health information online; identity theft; and how to talk to kids about on-line communication. The site also offers free brochures and videos for kids on online communication.

The degree work for all of the degrees was done in fine fashion, with all of the degrees performed in full form. In the past we have had many degrees done in short form and I ask, if possible, that more brothers attend the degree work in order to make a lasting impression on the new brothers. I realize that many of us may have other commitments on Saturday nights, but I ask that you attempt to make at least the meetings where Degrees are conferred.

It was also decided that, instead of mailing our charitable contributions to the various organizations that we support, we would request that the organizations send a representative on the night of the Adult Christmas Party for presentation of the donations. The majority of charities did send a representative, and each gave a short talk explaining their organization and the services they provide. The brothers and their guests enjoyed hearing the representatives and it made for an interesting and informative evening.

In connection with the charitable gifts, we were informed by the Ronald McDonald House Charities that St. Louis Lodge #5 will become a member of the Cornerstone Society. In addition to Lodge #5, St. Louis Lodge #2 also became a member. The Cornerstone Society was established to recognize the most generous donors to the Ronald McDonald House and a Cornerstone Celebration was held on February 17 at the Palladium St. Louis, with several members of both Lodges attending. Although we do not expect any recognition, other than a thank you for our generous gifts, being recognized by the Ronald McDonald House Charities in such fashion was a truly an honor and wonderful experience.

On February 21, St. Louis Lodge #5 had their Fun Bowling Day at Sunset Lanes with 18 bowlers present. I finally decided to participate in the fun, even though I had not bowled in years. I am glad to say that I did not do any damage to the lanes or to myself. Thank you to Brother Bob Mayer for a fun afternoon. And finally, did you know that August 21, 2016 will be the 175th anniversary of St. Louis Lodge #5? According to my calculation, if I am correct, we will have conducted our 9,131st consecutive meetings on the day prior to the anniversary date. I doubt that there are too many organizations that can make that claim. It just goes to show what a great leadership and a strong brotherhood, both past and present, under the banner of "Friendship, Love and Truth" can accomplish.

John M. Eckert
Noble Grand



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

MEMORIAL

BROTHER ARTHUR B. KENNON was born on February 18, 1927 in Mine La Motte, Missouri. He departed this life on January 24, 2016 in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 88-years. The date of Brother Kennon's initiation was not recorded but he did receive his First Degree on March 29, 1952 in St. Louis Lodge No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, His Second Degree on May 6, 1967 and his Third Degree on May 20, 1967.

He was a 63-year member of our Order.

Marcie E. Kennon (nee Hack) survives him as does his children, Paula Budde, Amada Kohlfeld and Andrew Kennon. He was a brother, brother-in-law, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend to many. Funeral was from Kutis Affton Chapel on Thursday, January 28, 2016 with internment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on Friday, January 29, 2016.

No Odd Fellow services were requested.



Congratulation to
John Naylor & Rick Bayer
For obtaining their 3rd degree

A little humor

A GUY GOES ICE FISHING for the very first time. All of a sudden, he hears a voice. "*there is no fish under the ice*" He ignores it and moves to another area, cuts a hole and tosses his line in. Again, he hears the booming voice "*there are no fish under the ice*".

He nervously looks up and asks "*Lord is that you*"
"No this is the rink manager"

THE SECRETARY'S DESK



We finally did the First Degree in long form. Although there were miscues, errors and forgotten lines, it went better than I had expected. I would like to thank Degree Captain Peter Cauchon and all those who took part, they made the effort and we finally did it after a long spell of short form.

I would like to comment on degree work itself. Frivolity, laughter during a degree are a distraction and take much away from the meaning. Our degree work was meant to be solemn and to infuse candidates with the meaning of Odd Fellowship, to teach them to be better in life. That's not to say degree work has to be straight laced and narrow minded, there will be times when a mistake is funny or even hilarious. I would suggest that we forgo the laughter until we are done with the degree.

To those of you who graciously offered to partake in the degrees, I would suggest that besides learning your part, you read the complete degree. Not to memorize but to make sure you understand what the degree is about. Memorizing word for word is not a requirement for degree work, understanding what the meaning is and what part you have in it are required if you are to be effective. I remember we had a brother who did the Past Grand's charge in the Initiatory Degree with a delivery and meaning so good, he was asked time after time to do it. I know the charge and I know that he adlibbed parts of it and missed other parts. He was so good with his delivery and meaning no one dare to correct him. We need more like him.

I also know, from experience, that the more we do degree work, whatever part, the more we understand what Odd Fellowship means. It is the base of our foundation as a fraternity.

Attention all Members

The By-Laws Committee of Lodge No. 5 will be convening in the near future to consider changes to our current By-Laws. If any member has a suggestion for changes, submit it to St. Louis Lodge No. 5 By-Laws Committee at the lodge address. All suggestions must be in writing and bear the signature(s) of the member(s) submitting. All suggestions will be considered but any found to be in conflict with the Missouri Constitution or Code of General Laws will be returned. All suggestions will be held in confidence. Deadline for submittal of suggestions will be March 31, 2016.

The By-Laws Committee

Story about a Bundle of Sticks



AN OLD man on the point of death summoned his sons around him to give them some parting advice. He ordered his servants to bring in a bundle of sticks, and said to his eldest son: "Break it." The son strained and strained, but with all his efforts was unable to break the Bundle. The other sons also tried, but none of them was successful. "Untie the bundle," said the father, "and each of you take a stick." When they had done so, he called out to them: "Now, break," and each stick was easily broken. "You see my meaning," said their father. **"UNITED GIVES STRENGTH."**

WHAT DO ODD FELLOWS BELIEVE IN?

An Odd Fellow bases his thoughts and actions on healthy philosophical principles. He believes that life is a commitment to improve and elevate the character of humanity through service and example. He is humble in a way that he never boasts about himself. He knows and accepts his strengths and weaknesses and keeps away from badmouthing people and making unreasonable allegations. He understands that certain things in life are unavoidable. He is aware of the vanity of earthly things, the frailty and inevitable decay of human life and the fact that wealth has no power to stop the sureness of eventual death. He then asks the question, "How am I going to spend my life?"

An Odd Fellow is an advocate of FRIENDSHIP and never looks at people with prejudiced eyes or bases his judgment on outward appearances. He supports the idea that all people irrespective of creed, race, color, nationality, social status, sex, rank and station are brothers and sisters. He does not take an undue advantage of his power or the weaknesses of those around him. He is gentle in behavior and never inflicts pain. He avoids impurity in thoughts and unchaste conduct. He also knows that he should respect himself by following temperance in his desires and fighting against vice of every form, chastity of person, and purity in heart and mind.

An Odd Fellow is an enactor of LOVE in a way that he feels jointly responsible for his fellowmen and prepared to give attention and help wherever and whenever help is needed. He is a person who treats others, especially women and children, with dignity and respect. He knows the application of sympathy, sincerity, unselfishness, and generosity. He accepts the fact that nothing is perfect but believes that he has an obligation to contribute in making the world a better place to live.

An Odd Fellow is a pursuer of TRUTH and adheres to equality, justice and righteousness. He sees searching for truth as searching for clarity in the sense of his life. Every time a small piece of truth is found, he will try to use it only in ways where he will be able to be true to himself and his fellowmen. Oftentimes, he thinks before he acts and speaks. He knows that, as a human being, it is a fact that he can think. He gives account to himself and knows that before he starts doing something, he can make the choice what to do and can think it over and consider whether the choice was the right one. He believes that making good and well-considered choices is called "behaving in a responsible way".

2016 Installation of New Lodge Officer's

On January 16, 2016, St. Louis Lodge No. 5 (I.O.O.F) held it's 2016 installation of New Lodge Officer's. The installation was well attended and we wish our new officers the best.



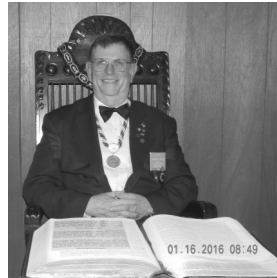
Past Grand receiving pin



Noble Grand & Family



St. Louis Lodge No. 5
2016 Officer's



Lodge Secretary



Warden



Noble Grand & officer's



Installation officers



Conductor



Noble Grand & Vice Grand

St. Louis Lodge No. 5

Fun Bowling Day



Well the latest Bowling Tournament has come and gone. The members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 hope that everyone had fun and enjoyed their time together. We hope to see all at the next Bowling Day

See pictures below



Thank You
To all those who assisted
with the recent
Bowling Tournament

