

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 4, 2017	Regular Meeting 7:30pm Refreshments Po-Boy Sandwiches, Chips Soda, Coffee and Water
March 11, 2017	Initiatory Degree 7:30pm Refreshments - Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water
March 18, 2017	Regular Meeting 7:30pm Refreshments – Corn Beef and Cabbage White/Rye Bread, Soda, Coffee and Water
March 25, 2017	Morning Meeting 9:00am Refreshments – Bagels and Danish Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
April 1, 2017	1st Degree 7:30pm Refreshments – Meat Loaf, Mash Potatoes, String Beans Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water
April 8, 2017	Regular Meeting 7:30pm Refreshments – Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Cole Slaw Rolls, Cake, Soda, Coffee and Water
April 15, 2017	2nd Degree 7:30pm Refreshments – Mostaccioli with Meat/Tomato Sauce, Salad Garlic Bread, Soda, Coffee and Water
April 22, 2017	Morning Meeting 9:00am Refreshments – Pancakes and Sausage Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
April 29, 2017	3rd Degree 7:30pm Refreshments – Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes White Pot Gravy, Carrots & Peas, Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water





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ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. 5, I.O.O.F. 3765 LINDELL BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO. 63108-3411
March—April 2017



Gunner Decker

Yes that is my name. I was born on September 7, 1992 in Salem Illinois to Troy and Kathy Decker. I have a sister named Charli who is two years younger than me.

My Father is a truck driver and my Mother raised kids and is now a secretary at my hometown's local real-estate agent office. I went to school at Salem Community High School where I was involved with the FFA Organization.

In my four years, I was the Salem Chapter President, and Section 21 Vice President where I went around and taught local high school students about how they can get involved in Agriculture. I then transferred to Kaskaskia College where I majored in Horticulture and was the Post-Secondary Agriculture Students Horticulture Representative. After receiving three certificates I moved to Murray Kentucky and attended Murray State University and also majored in Horticulture.

While attending, I worked for the school's Pullen Farm, I was involved as the Agronomy Club Secretary, Horticulture Club Vice President, Collegiate FFA Organization Public Relations Officer, Living Waters of the World Treasurer, and was a member of the 2015 Horticulture Judging Team and 2016 Soil Judging Team. After graduating with my Bachelors of Science Degree in May of 2016, I moved to St. Louis in June of 2016 and am now employed at Aberdeen Heights as the in-house Horticulturalist. In Salem Illinois, my Great Uncle got my Father's Cousin involved with the IOOF which soon got me interested. I became a member of the St. Louis Lodge #5 where I currently reside.



A Message From Our Noble Grand

Officers and Members

It is with modest pride, earnest faith, and deepest loyalty that the Officers and I express our gratitude to the members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 for electing us as officers of this lodge. I know that the officers and I are all looking forward to having a good year. We have an excellent team of officers with new and veteran members to help us as we move on to a new year. It's exciting to meet new members as they join the lodge and participate in our activities. If you stop and think since the beginning of this year 2017 we have already initiated new members and completed all three degrees.

I encourage all members to bring in new members. Tell your family, friends and co-workers who we are and what we do for members, family and the community. The food is great, the members are always willing to extend their hand in friendship and help whenever and wherever they can and we have a great time. We recently celebrated our 175 year as a chartered lodge and with your help we can go continue to grow.

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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	1	Norman Schultheis	3
Jeremy McCoy	6	Richard Swanson	3
Thomas Dittrich Jr.	10	John Eckert	6
Leroy Jennings	10	Bradley Vaughn	6
Johnny Naylor	14	Kenneth White	6
Billy Ross	15	David Vogler	7
William Stephenson	19	Dwight Wyatt	8
Elmer Kalal	23	Rudolph Beuc III	9
Eric Raney	23	Lionel Goede	9
Gary Nelson	25	Rex Gooch	9
Stanley Bialczak	26	Ronald Angel	13
CaSEY Liotta	30	Cody Wilde	13
Ray White	30	Francis Lavar Jr.	14
		Daniel Hiatt	15
		LaVerne Sailor	16
		Paxton Rogers	20
		Robert Bruckner	20
		Jasper Mangiore	27



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

12-31-16	Lee Rauhut	WINNER
1-7-17	Peter Cauchon	WINNER
1-14-17	John Eckert	WINNER
1-21-17	Patrick Yancey	WINNER
1-28-17	Lee Rauhut	WINNER
2-4-17	John Bayer	WINNER
2-11-17	Craig Skinner	WINNER
2-18-17	Peter Cauchon	WINNER
2-25-17	James Cauchon	WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

Clifford Thurston.....314-541-9221
Richard Dumont.....314-631-4040

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
 Ray White314-567-0455
Vice Grand
 Wilfred Soutiea Jr.....(314) 846-0015
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 Robert J. Mayer Sr.....314-771-2652
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 Charles Whisenhunt.....314-353-3542
Treasurer
 Richard A. Roesch.....636-931-4829

Special Relief Committee

Richard Aguilar314-644-1126
 Craig A. Skinner.....314-839-3081
 Lee T. Rauhut.....314-521-3302

MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS /TELEPHONE CHANGES

DELETE

CHANGE



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.
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From the Secretary's Desk

NEWS FLASH - NEWS FLASH



The winter Fun Bowling Fun Tournament is now history. We have winners in each category that will be announced and special awards given out at our annual banquet in August. There were 24 members and their significant others signed up to bowl. We actually only had 19 in attendance. We had 8 lanes reserved with possible 32 bowlers. The Lane Manager graciously did not charge us for the lanes we did not use.

The Bowling Committee will meet to discuss the merits of having another Fun Tournament this summer but the possibilities are becoming slim and slimmer due to attendance. Since we have first started the tournament we changed the format from six games to four games of 9-Pin, No-Tap that greatly speeded up the tournament. We now start at 1:00 P.M. and are usually finished by 4:00 P.M. at the latest. Everyone seems to enjoy this format so if we have another Fun Tournament we'll stay with the same format provided we sign up enough participants. This is open to everyone who is a member and a guest. You don't have to be a league bowler or an experienced bowler you just have to be able to roll the ball down the lane.

We ask the membership if they want to have another Fun Tournament and what kind of support/attendance can we expect in the future? The Bowling Committee will start signing up for the July tournament just to see how much response we will have.

The committee members are Richard Aguilar, Craig Skinner, Charles Whisenhunt, Richard Roesch, Walter Sawicki and Robert Mayer Sr.



A place of honor



The Gadsden Flag



The Gadsden Flag Commodore Esek (or Essex) Hopkins, of Rhode Island, was the first man to be Commander in Chief of the American Navy. At the time he took command, the use of flags depicting rattlesnakes, was quite common in Rhode Island.

It is not surprising; therefore, that he chose a coiled snake with the defiant motto "Don't Tread on Me" for his personal flag of rank. The coiled snake was a warning signal that danger lurked for those that would deny the people their inherent rights of freedom from oppression and the sanctity of their homes against intrusion. The symbolism of the yellow field is not known. Colonel Christopher Gadsden of South Carolina was impressed with Commodore Hopkins' flag and had a copy made for the legislature of his home state.

As a result, the flag has often been referred to as the Gadsden Flag. Similar flags were used on land and at sea throughout the Revolutionary War. Commodore Hopkins was dismissed for incompetence, but Brothers Joshua Barney, Edward Preble, Samuel Tucker, Abraham Whipple, Jeremiah O'Brian, and John Paul Jones made our Navy into the proud fighting force that it is to this day.

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



POWER OUTAGE

Due to a power outage, the house was very dark so the paramedic asked Kathleen, a 3-yr old girl to hold a flashlight high over her Mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby.

Little Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his feet and spanked him on his bottom and he began to cry. The paramedic then asked the wide-eyed 3-yr old what she thought about what she had just witnessed. She quickly responded "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place, spank him again."

It is always exciting for me to see so many of our brothers participating in lodge activities and attending meetings on a regular basis. Our Safety Coffee Break activities continue to be a huge success as well as our other activities. I am glad to see the large numbers, especially the newer members, who have come out to help and to join in the fellowship. The reason for our meetings and lodge activities is a renewed commitment to our objective "To Improve and Elevate the Character of All". It is imperative that we strive to fulfill this mission and promote the principles of Odd Fellowship in every aspect of the order and our lives. Through Friendship, Love, and Truth we achieve temperance, prudence, justice, service to humanity, and the ultimate goal of fraternity. It is our duty to participate in the government of our lodge to ensure these principles are upheld.

Ray White
Noble Grand



Ronald McDonald House Dinner Preparations

The following is a list of the dates that each lodge will prepare dinner at the Ronald McDonald House.

Monday, January 16, 2017 Sunday, April 9, 2017 Thursday, July 13, 2017

Scary Actors

Horrors! Hollywood has turned out some pretty scary horror films. See how many actors (and one actress) you can match with the scary movies in which they starred.

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| 1. Tom Sellack | A. Cry of the Banshee |
| 2. Peter Graves | B. Blood Tide |
| 3. Joan Collins | C. Daughters of Satan |
| 4. James Earl Jones | D. I was a Teenage Werewolf |
| 5. Robert Vaughn | E. Empire of the Ants |
| 6. Michael Landon | F. Phantom of the Opera |
| 7. Vincent Price | G. Bayou (aka Poor White Trash) |
| 8. Lon Chaney | H. The Hound of the Baskervilles |
| 9. Basil Rathbone | I. teenage Caveman |

Answers: 1-C; 2-G; 3-E; 4-B; 5-I; 6-D; 7-A; 8-F; 9-H

THERE IS NO SENIOR DISCOUNT FOR READING THIS!!!



Now That I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

1. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, and drinks water, but is still fat.
3. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
4. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
5. It was a whole lot easier to get older than it was to get wiser.
6. Some days, you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant.
7. I wish the buck really did stop here, I sure could use a few of them.
8. Kids in the backseat cause accidents. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.

Little known facts about St. Louis

How much do you know about St. Louis? Most of us know that St. Louis is called the Gateway to the West and that the Gateway Arch is the world's tallest monument. Another well known fact is that St. Louis is also the home to the world's largest brewery. Did you know that peanut butter was actually discovered here by a St. Louis doctor? Enjoy these St. Louis fun facts and learn a little about our great city.

1. St. Louisans consume more barbecue per capita than any other city in America.
2. The first lung cancer operation and first lung transplants were performed in St. Louis.
3. The soft drink Dr. Pepper was introduced at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. 7-UP also was invented in St. Louis.
4. St. Louis was the site of the demonic possession treated by a Jesuit priest from St. Louis Theological, that inspired the book, and later the movie, "The Exorcist."
5. The ice cream cone was invented at the 1904 World's Fair. So was iced tea. Hot dogs and hamburgers were popularized to a wide audience at the Fair.
6. St. Louis was once the largest shoe-manufacturing center in the world - home of Buster Brown and other famous brands.
7. The largest collection of mosaic art in the world graces the walls and ceilings at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis in the Central West End neighborhood.
8. St. Louis is home to the oldest institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi River - Saint Louis University.
9. Hawken Rifles and Murphy wagons, used by the western pioneers, were made in St. Louis. The cocktails, Planters Punch, Martini, Bloody Mary, and Tom Collins were invented at a

St. Louis hotel, the Planter's House.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

Please check dues card to see if it's up to date

If you are having financial problems paying your dues, please contact Charles Whisenhunt for further information at 314-353-3542.

REMEMBER

It's important that you stay current with your dues. Annual dues are required to be paid by all members to maintain status as a "member in good standing". Members who fail to stay current with their dues are not permitted to attend lodge activities.

By paying dues, you help the lodge immensely; your annual dues contribution helps support the lodge. So

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications are now being sent out on request. To qualify for a scholarship you must be a member of St. Louis Lodge No. 5, a son, daughter or grandchild of a living member of the Lodge and will graduate high school in June 2011. We will be awarding up to three scholarships this year. The completed application must be returned to the committee with a postmark no later than March 1, 2011. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, contact the Financial Secretary and he will give you the information packet to obtain the application.

Defective Detective

By Martin Filchok

How many differences can you find between these two pictures?



Answers: 1. Mom's ladle 2. Coffee pot 3. Stove burner 4. Stove pipe 5. Curtains 6. Dresser 7. Girl's hair ribbon 8. Rug 9. Ball 10. Mom's shoes 11. Boy's cap 12. Table cloth 13. Soda can 14. Boy's book 15. Chair at table 16. Mom's hair ribbon 17. "Yeah" and "Yes" 18. "Whiz" and "Whizzz" 19. "Home work" and "School work" ... Can you find more?

SOME LITTLE KNOWN FACTS CAN BE JUST INTERESTING.

1. The fax machine was invented by Scottish philosopher psychologist Alexander Bain, in 1824. By 1924 newspapers used faxes to transmit photos.
2. The typical lightning bolt is two to four inches wide and two miles long.
3. Any month that starts on a Sunday will have a Friday the 13th in it.
4. Easter is on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon after March 21.
5. Almost 50% of bank robberies take place on Friday.



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



Motto
Friendship, Love and Truth

Objective
To Improve and Elevate the
Character of Mankind

THE FAITHFUL FEW

In every Lodge in every time
When there's some work to do,
It very likely will be done
By just the faithful few.

While many folks will help to sing,
And some of them will talk,
When it comes to doing things,
A lot of them will balk.

"I can't do this, I can't do that,
Excuse me please, this time.
I'd be so glad to help you out,
But it's not in my line."

So when the leader cast about
To find someone who'll "do,"
Although he's done it oft before
He ask the faithful few.

Of course, they're always busy, too.
And always hard at work,
But well he knows they'll not refuse,
Nor any duty shirk.

They never stop to make excuse,
But promptly try to do
The very best they can
To smooth the way for you.

God bless I pray, the faithful few
And may their tribe increase
They must be very precious to
The blessed Prince of Peace.

Author Unknown

ATTEND YOUR LODGE MEETINGS
AND BRING IN SOME NEW IDEAS
FOR ACTIVITIES

SOME FACTS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

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1. It takes 4,000 grains of sugar to fill a teaspoon.
2. Every employee at Ben & Jerry's headquarters gets three free pints of ice cream a day.
3. The ball at the top of a flag pole is called a "truck."
4. There are enough calories in a Big Mac to run a vacuum cleaner for 98 minutes.
5. There are more than 15,000 miles of neon lights along the Las Vegas strip.
6. It takes 10 pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese.
7. A pineapple is actually a very big berry.
8. The world's largest consumer of sugar is Coca-Cola.
9. A buffalo can jump as high as six feet off the ground.
10. The traditional gift for the 44th wedding anniversary is - groceries.
11. The custom of placing chocolates on hotel pillows begins here when the actor Cary Grant stayed at the Mayfair and used chocolate to woo a woman friend.
12. The first Jewish congregation west of the Mississippi was founded here as was the first Library west of the Mississippi.
13. The Missouri Botanical Garden is among the top three gardens in the world.
14. The first kindergarten in the U.S. was founded in St. Louis by Susan Blow.
15. Pork steaks were invented in St. Louis.
- 16.
- 17.

Congratulations



Congratulations to the members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 and Wildey Lodge No. 2 for obtaining their 3rd degree.

From left to right

Michael White	- St. Louis Lodge No. 5
Frank Berkholt	- Wildey Lodge No. 2
Steve Berkholt	- Wildey Lodge No. 2
Daren Presley	- St. Louis Lodge No. 5
Gary Nelson	- St. Louis Lodge No. 5
Casey Liotta	- St. Louis Lodge No. 5

UPCOMING EVENTS

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

The following is a listing of upcoming events that we hope you will be able to attend.

Initiatory Degree	March 11, 2017	6:30 pm	Members Only
First Degree	April 1, 2017	6:30pm	Members Only
Celebrating Easter	April 8, 2017	6:30pm	Members & Guests
Second Degree	April 15, 2017	6:30pm	Members Only
Third Degree	April 29, 2017	6:30pm	Members Only