

**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**

July 2, 2016	<b>Morning Meeting 9:00 AM</b> Refreshments – Bagels & Danish Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and water
July 9, 2016	<b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – BBQ Pork Steaks, Bake Beans, Potato Salad Bread, Soda, Coffee and Water
July 16, 2016	<b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Po-Boy Sandwiches and Chips Soda, Coffee and Water
July 23, 2016	<b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b> Refreshments - <b>Fried Chicken</b> , Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water
July 30, 2016	<b>Regular Meeting - 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Smoked Brats with Sauerkraut, Chips Desert Nick’s Apple Pie, Soda, Coffee and Water
August 6, 2016	<b>Regular Meeting - 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes with white gravy, Salad Soda, Coffee and Water
August 13, 2016	<b>Morning Meeting 9:00 AM</b> Refreshments – Sausage and eggs Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and water
August 20, 2016	<b>Morning Meeting 9:00 AM</b> Refreshments – Bagels & Donuts Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and water
August 27, 2016	<b>Regular Meeting - 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Hot Dogs with Chili, Shoe String Potato Chips Soda, Coffee and Water
September 3, 2016	<b>Morning Meeting 9:00 AM</b> Refreshments – Ray’s Surprise ????? Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and water





# LINK-N-LINES

The Official News of St. Louis Lodge No. 5, I.O.O.F.

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ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. .5, I.O.O.F.   3765 LINDELL BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO. 63108-3411
July - August 2016



**John Edward Bayer**

John Bayer was born in St Louis Missouri on September 20, 1956 growing up in Affton, Webster Groves and Mehlville Missouri.

He attended Hegee Grade school in Affton, up to the second grade, when his parents moved to Webster Groves Missouri in 1964.

But, while living in Affton Missouri he got involved with the YMCA Indian Guides, where he met one of his lifelong friends, Brother Rich Roesch. You could say that the Indian Guides was a starting point for future involvement in his lifelong endeavors.

He then went through the rest of his education in Webster Groves, when his parents decided to move again to Mehlville Missouri. Where he graduated in 1976 and began his career in 1977 working for Missouri Pacific Railroad in De Soto Missouri, while also going to college at Meramec Community College, in Kirkwood Missouri.

In 1977 he joined the Webster Groves Masonic Lodge # 84 and then went on to join Rabboni Chapter of the Royal Arch, Jeremiah Council, and Ascalon Commandery in the Harry S. Truman Class of York Rite, in 1978 making John a 32 degree mason.

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

Summertime is here and with summer comes the various activities sponsored by St. Louis Lodge #5, beginning with the Memorial Day Safety Coffee Break on Monday, May 30. 2016.

The event was well attended by the brothers, enjoying the fact that by this gift to the travelers on this holiday we are helping them in their travels giving them a break by offering them drink and nourishment. We have had many travelers tell us that they look for us on their holiday travel. They are also surprised when we refuse their donations, telling them that we cannot accept donations, and that this is the way we give back to the community. The next Safety Coffee Breaks will be on July 4 and Labor Day. I again urge the new brothers to attend one or both of these future events.

This is a great way to get to know the brothers outside of the Lodge, see the members of Lodge #5 in action and see how appreciative the travelers are of our generosity. It is a truly enjoyable day!

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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**

**JULY**

**AUGUST**

Glen Robinson	03	James reiner	02
Kenneth David	04	Charles Cassidy	02
Arthur Goede Sr	05	Charles Petersen	03
Vernon Goede	05	Kevin George	03
Todd Mernin	05	Terry Throm	12
Jeffrey Parrotte	07	Elmer Marz Jr	12
Justin Maertz	07	Stanley Oberman	20
Michael Morgan	08	Richard Pedroley	23
Darrel Curtis	13	Charles Alexander	29
Jeffrey Pedroley	16	Walter Pollick	30
Adam Schroeder	18	Michael Campbell	31
Mark Schultheis	20		
Jeffrey McCoy	22		
Robert Atwell	24		
Thomas Kreyling	26		
Craig Gissy	30		
Philip Cole	30		
Harold Pratt	31		



**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**

April	30	Sam Wilk	WINNER
May	7	Tom Moser	WINNER
May	14	Michael Campbell	WINNER
May	21	Wilford Sautiea	WINNER
May	28	Robert Atwell	WINNER
June	4	Bruce Boeckmann	WINNER
June	11	Sam Wilk	WINNER
June	18	Brian Goldman	WINNER
June	25	Lee Rauhut	WINNER

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

**Sick and Shut-ins**

Charles Iselin.....	314-644-3462
Richard Aguilar.....	314-644-1126
Joe Krabbe.....	314-832-9056

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**

<b>Noble Grand</b>	
John Eckert.....	314-616-3884
<b>Vice Grand</b>	
Ray White .....	314-567-0455
<b>Secretary</b>	
Robert J. Mayer Sr.....	314-771-2652
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	
Charles Whisenhunt.....	314-353-3542
<b>Treasurer</b>	
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**



**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.

Growing up in St Louis you could say John was a person who liked to belong to groups, YMCA Indian Guides, Boy Scouts, Masons, Lions, and several other organizations that helped the community. In 1999 John joined the Operation Lifesaver organization to help the community stop the problems of deaths at Railroad Grade Crossings. With his background in the transportation industry, he became a great asset to that organization and won many awards. John has rode horses with the Moolah Mounted Lancers, was a member of the Moolah TCAA Committee, rode motorcycles with the Ainad Compacts, and Chaired many Committees while in the Shrine. John has helped out both political parties, Republicans and Democrats, being not only part of their parties but also working as an Election Judge, and election Supervisor in many elections.

John is a Past High Priest of Rabboni Chapter, Past President of the Ainad Mounted Patrol, Past Membership Chairman of Ainad Shrine Temple in Illinois, and will be installed as the Master of Webster Groves Lodge #84 in August of this year.

John has stated that “Joining the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 5 is a great opportunity to still do what I like, in helping out the community, while being with dear lifelong friends who believe as I do.

**That the True measure of Kindness is always perceived by the Good Works and Deeds you do for your Fellow human beings...!”**

**News Flash**

On June 27, 2016 at the request of Grand Master Kenneth Rogers, twelve members of St. Louis Lodge #5 drove to Farmington, Mo to attend a Degree Rally hosted by St. Francois Lodge #48.



**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**

**Washington’s Cruisers Flag**



Worshipful Brother George Washington was personally responsible for much of the success of the early Continental Army and Navy. Indeed, the earliest vessels commissioned were paid for out of Brother Washington’s pocket. These Cruisers were sent down the Charles River in Boston to bombard the British forces in late 1775 and early 1776.

Each flew the distinctive white flag with the green pine tree which soon became common on the high seas as well. It is one form of the New England Flag which dated back to 1686. The motto “Appeal to Heaven” indicated that the Colonists felt their cause was justified by higher or Devine laws.

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

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Search by: kenneth009  
"When I asked to see your licence I meant your driving licence, not your dog licence."

**Fun Facts**

**While searching the internet for useless information. I came upon a few state laws that were put on the books from years gone by....most of which have never been rescinded. I thought you might like to know these during your travels. Be careful out there!**

- You can't plow a cotton field with an elephant in North Carolina.
- It is illegal to drink beer out of a bucket while you're sitting on a curb in St. Louis!
- In Missouri it is illegal for you to drive down the highway with an uncaged bear in your car.
- In Cleveland, Ohio it is illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.
- In Kentucky, It's illegal to fish in the Ohio River in Kentucky without an Indiana Fishing License.
- It is illegal to mispronounce 'Arkansas' while in the state of Arkansas!

On May 28, in connection with Memorial Day, Brother Ray White did a video presentation honoring the members of the Armed Forces. Brother Ray then had all members of #5 who had served in the military stand according to their branch of service. I want to thank Brother White for the work he put into this wonderful presentation. Also, in connection with Memorial Day, on June 4 St. Louis Lodge #5 held a Memorial Service for those brothers who had gone to their final reward in the past year. Brother Bob Mayer called out the names of the deceased and gave a short history of their membership. Both events were very moving and fitting considering the meaning of Memorial Day. On June 5, 2016 St. Louis Lodge #5 held their annual picnic at Lemay Park. The weather could not have been any better! The picnic was well attended by approximately 200 individuals consisting of brothers, spouses, friends and children. The Lodge provided the pork-steaks, hot dogs, ice tea, lemonade, water and popcorn. I don't think that anyone left hungry! I want to thank the Picnic Committee for the great job and I also want to thank Brother Brian Goldman for the great job he did with the children during the picnic.

On August 20 we will be holding our annual banquet at Genesis Banquet Center. At this time, we will also be celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the charter establishing St. Louis Lodge #5, the actual date of the signing being August 21, 1841. Brother Richard Aguilar and his Banquet Committee are hard at work setting up the banquet. Letters will be going out several weeks prior to the banquet. Make sure that you respond on a timely basis so that we have an accurate count as to the number that will attend. The banquet is a great place to meet the current officers, newer members and old friends, so please plan on attending on this special day.

On June 27, 2016 at the request of Grand Master Kenneth Rogers, twelve members of St. Louis Lodge #5 drove to Farmington, Mo to attend a Degree Rally hosted by St. Francois Lodge #48. In addition, to members of Lodge #5, in attendance were Grand Master Kenneth Rogers, several Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge officers. Members of our Lodge assisted in the various roles required in all four Degrees and St. Francois Lodge #48 installed eleven new brothers and sisters as Third Degree members. I am proud of the Brothers who took the time to attend the Degree Rally and make it a memorable event for the newly installed members. It truly showed the new members the love we have, not just for our own Lodge, but for our Fraternity. I also wish to congratulate St. Francois Lodge #48 for bringing in eleven new brothers and sisters and wish Lodge #48 good luck in rebuilding their lodge membership.

St. Louis Lodge #5 has existed since August 21, 1841. During that time we have recorded over 9,100 weekly meetings because of the solid foundation that has been established by our past Brothers. Let us continue to fulfill the legacy left by our fore bearers who truly believed in the Three Links (Friendship, Love and Truth), the chain that binds our brothers together.

John M. Eckert  
Noble Grand



<u>Answers to memory questions on page 9.</u>	
Q-1. Silver Bullet	Q-6. The Limbo Dance
Q-2. The Ed Sullivan Show	Q-7. Chocolate
Q-3. On Route 66	Q-8. Louis Armstrong, aka: (Satchmo)
Q-4. To protect the innocent	Q-9. The Timex Watch
Q-5. The Lion Sleeps Tonight	Q-10. Beetle or Bug

Test your memory

Below is a list of questions to test your memory. Read the questions and see if you can answer them.

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Q-1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, Who was that masked man? Invariably, someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind.  
A-1. What did he leave behind?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Q-2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on what show.  
A-2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Show.

Q-3. 'Get your kicks on \_\_\_\_\_.'

Q-4. 'The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to \_\_\_\_\_.'

Q-5. 'In the jungle, the mighty jungle,  
A-5. \_\_\_\_\_.'

Q-6. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance.  
A-6. The dance was called the '\_\_\_\_\_.'

Q-7. Nestlé's makes the very best (it taste good).  
A-7. \_\_\_\_\_.'

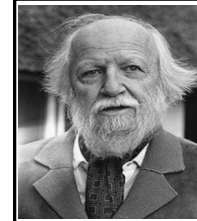
Q-8. Satchmo was America 's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us.  
A-8. His name was \_\_\_\_\_.

Q-9. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking?  
A-9. (hint you wear it) \_\_\_\_\_.

Q-10. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW.  
A-10. What other names did it go by? \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

See answers on page 4

WISE and TRUE words about a woman!!!!



Sir William Golding may have been an "oldie", but he managed to condense a life time of experience with women into one brilliant summary statement.

I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men, they are far superior and always have been. Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her sperm, she'll give you a baby. If you give her a house, she'll give you a home. If you give her groceries, she'll give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she'll give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her.

So, if you give her any crap, be prepared to receive a ton of shi.....



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**





DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?.

It's a program designed to help children. MoCHIP is a comprehensive child identification program designed to give Missouri families a measure of protection against the ever increasing problem of missing and abducted children. MoCHIP stands for MissOuri CHild Identification and Protection Program. The program uses an Amber Alert compatible computer disc to provide their child's critical information to the parents. Tell your family and friends about this great program and don't hesitate. Check out the website Mochip.org for additional information.

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An Act of kindness

Recently, I had a conversation with a lodge member about helping people. He told me about an organization called Building Together St. Louis. Rebuilding Together is a national organization committed to year-round aid. With over 200,000 volunteers annually, they are able to revitalize over 10,000 houses and public spaces to impact nearly 850,000 individuals. Since their founding in 1988, they have added \$1.3 billion of market value back into the communities and, more importantly, priceless value to the homeowners' lives that have been changed.

This sounds like someone has learned about the history of Odd fellows and have taken the meaning to a different level. If you are interested in learning more information, please check out their website www.rebuildingtogether-stl.org.

Attention all Members

On April 16, 2016 the By-Laws Committee presented the proposed changes to the lodge after a reading two weeks prior. All changes were passed by vote but will not be implemented until the Grand Warden approves them. The changes are still subject to review by the Grand Lodge By-Laws Committee.

The changes are:

Under funeral benefits, if a member leaves, no widow a check will be sent to the estate. The new change stated that if no estate exists then no payment will be made.

Under Committees; the section calling for a General Relief Committee has been deleted as it is no longer a requirement of the Grand Lodge Constitution.

Robertson Scholarship Fund; now has an elected Administrator who is elected every year and is a paid position. He is under the control of Lodge No. 5 Trustees and will be compensated from the Robertson Fund.

Robert J. Mayer Sr. - By-Laws Chairman

On the Quiz Show called Jeopardy there was a question asked.



How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the Tomb of the Unknowns? - ---- All three contestants missed it ----

- 1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why? 21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.
2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why? 21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1
3. Why are his gloves wet? His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.
4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not? He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.
5. How often are the guards changed? Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.
6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to? For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30." Other requirements of the Guard: They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn.

The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin. The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV.

All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, 'No way, Sir!' Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson.

The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930. We can be very proud of our young men and women in the service no matter where they serve.

Duty - Honor - Country

GOD BLESS







# St. Louis Lodge No. 5

Annual picnic 2016



On June 5, 2016, St. Louis Lodge No. 5 held it's annual lodge picnic at Lemay Park. The picnic was well attended and fun was had by all.



# Safety Coffee Break

Well Memorial Day for 2016 has come and gone and once again St. Louis Lodge No. 5, held it's first Safety Coffee Break for 2016. We had approximately 31 members and several family members who showed up to not only help setup, but to pitch in and make it a great day. The weather was nice to us. We served Hotdogs, Drinks to over 300 motorists and their families. We always meet such nice people during these events. We receive nice comments about what we are doing and how they like it. Because the lodge has been doing this activity for such a long time, we get comments from the people like, "we always look for you guys when we travel this way because of what you do" I don't know about the rest of you but that sounds like we might be doing something good for the community.

Take a look at the pictures below and see what you think. We will be holding two more events on **Independence Day, July 4, 2016**, and **Labor Day, September 5, 2016** at the rest area on north bound I-55 north of Bloomsdale, Missouri approximately 50 miles south of St. Louis, Missouri. Come join us. We have fun meeting new people and being with our friends and lodge members. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

Ray White  
Vice Grand  
St. Louis Lodge No .5 (IOOF)



Thank you to all my friends for your help and friendship