

**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**

May 14, 2016	<b>Regular Meeting - 7:30pm</b> Refreshments - <b>Pot Luck</b> —Road kill (what ever else we can find) Soda, Coffee and Water
May 21, 2016	<b>Initiatory Degree 7:30pm</b> Refreshments - <b>Fried Chicken</b> , Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water
May 28, 2016	<b>Morning Meeting 9:00am</b> Refreshments – Bagels & Donuts Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
June 4, 2016	<b>Regular Meeting - 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Pizza and Salad Soda, Coffee and Water
June 11, 2016	<b>First Degree 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Chili 3-ways with Hotdogs, cheeses and onions Soda, Coffee and Water
June 18, 2016	<b>Morning Meeting 9:00 AM</b> Refreshments – Pancakes and Sausage Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
June 25, 2016	<b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b> Refreshments – Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, Chips, Pickles Rye bread, Soda, Coffee and Water
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





# 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
May - June 2016



**Wilfred Soutiea Jr.**

Wilfred (Bill) G. Souther, Jr. was born on February 20, 1940 in Lemay (St. Louis County), Missouri, where he has spent his entire life, (with the exception of active military service), in the south St. Louis area. He graduated from Bayless High School in June of 1957 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, leaving for basic training on July 3, 1957.

After receiving basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, in San Antonio, Texas, he attended ground radio maintenance school at Scott AFB, in Illinois. After receiving his first duty assignment to the 907th Acid Squadron at Bucks Harbor AFS, near Machias, Maine. In February of 1959 he was reassigned to the 2nd ARCS Squadron (Mobile) at Dreux Air Base, Dreux, France. During the remainder of his active duty service he served on temporary duty assignments throughout France, England, Germany, Italy, Greece, Turkey and the Republic of the Congo.

In May 1961 he was separated from active duty. In August 1961 after returning home he would joined the 131 Tactical Control Squadron (moans), Missouri Air National Guard at Jefferson Barracks, he would later married to Carol A.Lunte in April 1962. In July of 1962 he joined the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department as a patrolman and served in various assignments until October 1966. Air Force Sergeant Soutiea then took a leave of absence from the police department in October 1966 to perform a 6 month active duty tour with his military unit for increased readiness during the Vietnam conflict. Because of his skills and abilities, he was hired as a full time Air Technician in March 1967 as a radio mechanic leaving the police department behind.



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

Spring is upon us and the worry of inclement weather is over. The past several months have been busy with Lodge #5 initiating four new brothers on March 12 and conferring three First Degrees on April 2. Going forward, we will have our Second Degree on March 23 and Third Degree on May 7. Again I ask that you make your best effort to attend these Degrees so that they can be performed in full form. Nothing makes a better impression on the degree candidates than seeing the complete ceremony performed.

Going forward, the next several months will also be busy. On May 30, Memorial Day, we will have our first of three Safety Coffee Breaks held at the rest stop on Highway 55 in Bloomsdale, MO. At these events, the brothers of St. Louis Lodge #5 pass out free hot dogs, pop corn, ice tea and coffee to the many travelers who stop at the rest stop. For those new brothers who want to be involved, this is a great way to serve our community, get to know the brothers outside of the Saturday meetings, and have a great time meeting the travelers

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**Scholarships**

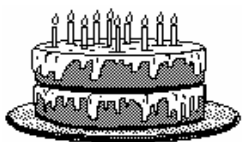
Information and applications for our scholarship program will be available after December 1, 2015. To qualify you must be a Third Degree member of the Lodge or the son, daughter and grandchild of a living Third Degree member of the Lodge. Contact a Trustee of the Lodge for further information.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS**

**MAY**

**JUNE**

Donn Hamberger	12	Palmer Ash	8
Joseph Coleman II	13	James Jourdain	16
David Dempsey	14	Connie Curran	18
Bruce Boeckmann	15	Nicholas Cichielo	23
Craig Skinner	16		
Peter Cauchon	20		
Brian Goldman	20		
Edwin Brzezinski	26		
Dennis Blast	28		
Marion Briggs	28		
Rodney Kleine	29		



**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**

February	20	Charles Whisenhunt	WINNER
February	27	Walter Sawicki	WINNER
March	5	John Bayer	WINNER
March	12	Connie Curren	WINNER
March	19	Walter Sawicki	WINNER
March	26	Charles Whisenhunt	WINNER
April	2	Kenneth Hetz	WINNER
April	9	Tom Moser	WINNER
April	16	Lee Rauhut	WINNER
April	23	Kenneth Hetz	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
Louis Monken.....	314-892-4825

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.  
3765 Lindell Blvd.

During his time with the military he received several accelerated promotions through the enlisted ranks and was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant (E-9) at the age of 31. In September of 1969, he joined Freedom Lodge No. 636 of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. He was later elected at Master of Freedom Lodge in 1983-84.

Attending night school earned him a Bachelor's degree from Columbia College in 1974 and further studies concluded with a Master's Degree from Webster University in 1976. In October 1979, at the age of 39+, he applied for a commission in the Missouri National Guard, he then attended the Air National Guard Academy Military Science and was commissioned as a Captain on February 1980. He served as Chief of Maintenance of the 157th TCF (FACP) until December 1980 when he was selected as Technician Detachment Commander for the 218th Electronics Installation Squadron, serving militarily as a Communication-Electronics System Maintenance Officer. In August 1984, he was selected as the full time Logistics Officer for the 157 Tactical Control Group. He was promoted to the grade of Major in November 1985 and in 1988 he was appointed DDGM of District 61C Freemasons. He was then promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in November 1989. In September of 1991 he was appointed as the Senior Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge, Adam of the State of Missouri, this being the entry point for the advancing Grand Line which required 9 years. He was Grand Master of Missouri Freemasons for 1999-2000. He later retired from active Air National Guard status in May 1993 with a total of 34 years military and 30 Years Federal Civil Service.

His Military awards include; the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/2 OLC, Good Conduct Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal w/3 old, National Defense Medal w/star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Forces Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Overseas Ribbon Long Tour, Air Force

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**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 Bunker Hill Flag**

Although the American forces lost the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1775, it proved that they were able to hold their own against British Regulars. His Majesty's Army lost a higher percentage of Officers at Bunker Hill than in any other battle the British had or have fought, before or since.

The banner that flew over the Minutemen that day was recorded for history by the young artist, John Trumbull. Unfortunately, it has frequently been shown incorrectly with a blue field, instead of red, and with the Cross of St. George, which the Colonists purposely left out. The flag flown at Bunker Hill was in fact only one of many versions of the New England Flag which was already almost a century old at that time. The pine tree used for the mast of ships was a symbol of the hardy New England Frontiersmen. The red field was common to many British and Colonial flags of the period. It is interesting to note that the Most Worshipful Brother Joseph Warren, who fell at Bunker Hill, was elected as the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Additionally, Brother Paul Revere was elected as the first Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge Massachusetts.

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

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**Fun Facts**

Here are a few state laws that were put on the books from years gone by....most of which have never been rescinded. So be careful out there!

- In Oklahoma, dogs must have a permit signed by the mayor in order to congregate on private property in groups of three or more.
- In Minnesota, it is illegal to cross state lines with duck on your head.
- It is illegal to walk down a street in Maine with your shoelaces untied.
- In Los Angeles, it is unlawful to hunt for moths under a street light.
- In Pennsylvania, it is illegal for a man to purchase alcohol without written consent from his wife.
- In Alaska, it is illegal to look at a moose from the window of an aircraft or another flying vehicle. It is also illegal to push a live moose out of a moving aircraft.

On June 5 we will be holding our annual Lodge Picnic at Lemay Park. This is a great family event. I ask that as soon as you receive the letter from the Picnic Committee you respond so that the committee can plan on how many people will attend and how much food to order. On July 30 we will be co-sponsoring a MOCHIP event with two Masonic Lodges, the Naphthali Lodge and the Lincoln County Lodge, at the People's Health Center located at DeBaliviere and Delmar. Finally, on August 20 we will hold our annual banquet at Genesis Banquet Center. This will be a special event as St. Louis Lodge #5 will be celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of our charter. The Banquet Committee has already started planning for this event. More news will be forthcoming.

To those new brothers who want to become involved in the degree work or are interested in becoming an officer, I recommend that you talk to a Degree Captain or to one of the officers. If you know of anyone that is interested in becoming an Odd Fellow, see Brother Bob Mayer for an application. The only qualifications needed, other than being of good moral character, is that the applicant be at least 16 years old and believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe.

Finally, I wish to bid farewell to Brother Nicholas Cicheilo who has moved to Sarasota, Florida to be closer to family. Brother Cicheilo was a true brother, always stepping in to help where needed. In addition to being a Trustee of St. Louis Lodge #5, Trustee of the Widows and Orphans Fund and Warden, he was also State MOCHIP Coordinator and Grand Treasurer of the Masons. Brother Nick also helped cook great breakfasts for our morning meetings, and was the hot dog chef at the Safety Coffee Breaks. He also always had on hand great sausages for the workers. Nick, we are proud to call you brother, and you will be missed.

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**

### The big city lawyer



A big city lawyer went duck hunting in rural northern Minnesota. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field. As the lawyer climbed over the fence to claim his bird, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing. The litigator responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going to retrieve it."

The old farmer replied, "This is my property, and you are not coming over here." The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in New York and, if you don't let me retrieve that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own." The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we settle disputes here in northern Minnesota. We settle small disagreements like this with the 'Three Kick Rule.'"

The lawyer asked, "What is the 'Three Kick Rule'?" The Farmer replied, "Well, because the dispute occurs on my land, I get to go first. I kick you three times and then you kick me three times and so on back and forth until someone gives up." The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and, being the person he was, decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom.

The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy steel toed work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick to the midriff sent the lawyer's last meal gushing from his mouth. The lawyer was on all fours when the farmer's third kick to his rear end, sent him face-first into a fresh cow pie.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and remaining strength and very slowly managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket, he said, "Okay, you old fart. Now it's my turn."

(I love this part)

The old farmer smiled and said, "Nah, I give up. You can have the duck."



Ernie Rodgers stands with his son Barry Rogers moments after Barry obtained his second degree, this past Saturday night. Congratulations to both Barry and Ernie, a tradition continues.

### A little humor



#### Fable of the Porcupine

I never knew porcupines were so cute. It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold.

The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions. After a while, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth.

Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive. The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities. The moral of the story is

**Just learn to live with the Pricks in your life!**

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## An Act of kindness

A man was driving his car, when he saw an old lady, stranded on the side of the road. He saw that she needed help. So he stopped his old car near her Mercedes and got out. He smiled, while he was approaching her, still she was worried, as nobody had stopped for hours. Moreover, he did not look safe, as his appearance was so poor and shabby. He could see, how frightened she was, so he tried to calm her: „I'm here to help you, don't worry. My name is Bryan Anderson“. The tire was flat, so he had to crawl under the car. While changing the tire, he got dirty and his hands were hurt. When the job was done, she asked how much she owed him for his help. Bryan smiled. He said: „If you really want to pay me back, the next time you see someone, who needs help, give that person the needed assistance. And think of me“.

At the same evening, the lady stopped by a small cafe. That place looked dingy. Then she saw a waitress, nearly eight months pregnant, wiping her wet hair with a towel. The waitress had a sweet friendly smile, although it was obvious she had been on her feet the whole day. The lady wondered how someone, who has so little, can be so kind and giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan.

The lady had finished her meal and paid with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress went to get change and when she came back, the lady was gone. She left a note on the napkin: „You don't own me anything. Somebody once helped me, just like now I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, do not let this chain of love end with you“. The waitress found four more one hundred bills under the napkin.

That night the waitress came home earlier. She was thinking about the lady and the money she left. She was wondering, how the lady could know, how much she and her husband needed it, especially now, when the baby will soon arrive. She knew that her husband worried about that, so she was glad to tell him good news. Then she kissed him and whispered „Now everything will be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson“.

## 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

## Who is Thomas Wildey



Thomas Wildey was born in London, England in 1782. He was left an orphan five years later - and the IOOF pledge to "Educate the Orphan" sprang from his personal childhood experiences. At the age of 14, Wildey went to live with an uncle. After he had 9 years of schooling, he became an apprentice to a maker of coach springs. He joined the British Oddfellows in 1804. When Wildey immigrated to America in 1817, the British were still unpopular in the States because of the War of 1812. In that year Baltimore was suffering both a yellow fever epidemic and mass unemployment. An outgoing personality, Wildey missed companionship and advertised in the newspaper to determine if there were any other Odd Fellows in Baltimore; he requested them to meet him at the Seven Stars Inn.

On April 26, 1819, Wildey and the four men who responded to the advertisement, John Welch, John Duncan, John Cheatam, and Richard Rushworth,<sup>[1]</sup> formed the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North America, dedicating the Order to achieve philanthropic goals. Other Englishmen who were Odd Fellows had grouped in the states along the Eastern Seaboard and Wildey gathered them all into the newly formed fraternity. He traveled widely to set up lodges in the most recently settled parts of the country. At the time of his death in 1861, there were more than 200,000 members of the IOOF in 42 states. In the late 19th century and early 20th century the IOOF became the largest Fraternal Order in North America with more than two million members.



### TALKING PARROTS

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, 'I have a problem. I have two female parrots, But they only know to say one thing.' 'What do they say?' the priest asked. They say, 'Hi, we're hookers!' Do you want to have some fun?' 'That's obscene!' the priest exclaimed, Then he thought for a moment..... 'You know,' he said, 'I may have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible... Bring your two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in the cage with Francis and Peter. My parrots can teach your parrots to pray and worship, And your parrots are sure to stop saying that phrase in no time.' 'Thank you,' the woman responded, 'this may very well be the solution.' The next day, She brought her female parrots to the priest's house.... As he ushered her in, She saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage holding rosary beads and praying... Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them...

After a few minutes, The female parrots cried out in unison: 'Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?' There was stunned silence...Shocked, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and says...'Put the beads away, your prayers have been answered !!!

Come join our lodge

# PICNIC

Saturday, June 5, 2015  
9:00 AM

LEMAY PARK  
 236 Fannie Avenue  
 St. Louis, MO. 63125

Lemonade Games BINGO Prizes Food

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**FLT** FROM ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. 5  
 INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

St. Louis Lodge No. 5 will be hosting a Mother's Day family dinner at our lodge on May 7, 2016 at 6:30pm for members and their wife's, girlfriends etc. After dinner while our members attend a meeting, our guest will have the opportunity to play BINGO. We hope to see you there.



ATTENTION ALL

It's time for the Safety Coffee Break Team to spring into action. Our first upcoming even will be on Memorial Day, Monday May 30, 2016

Safety coffee breaks on held on the holiday's of Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. The event is to encourage travelers to take a break at the rest stop. Members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and their wives serve coffee, iced tea, lemonade, hotdogs and fresh popped popcorn to everyone entering the rest area, that wishes to take part. This is all served free of charge. This is done at the rest area on north bound I-55 north of Bloomsdale, Missouri approximately 50 miles south of St. Louis, Missouri.