

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

September 3, 2016	Morning Meeting 9:00 AM Refreshments – Ray’s Surprise ????? Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and water	
September 10, 2016	Initiatory Degree 7:30pm Refreshments - Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water	
September 17, 2016	First Degree 7:30pm Refreshments - Chicken Fried Steak, Potato Au Gratin Salad, Rolls, Soda Coffee and Water	
September 24, 2016	Regular Meeting 7:30pm Beef Stew, French Bread Soda, Coffee and Water	
October 1, 2016	Initiatory Degree 7:30pm Refreshments - Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Rolls, (Bob’s Desert), Soda, Coffee and Water	 
October 8, 2016	First Degree 7:30pm Meat Loaf, Mix-Vegetable, and Potatoes Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water	<i>Sam’s Mess</i>  <i>Sam’s Mess</i>
October 15, 2016	Regular Meeting 7:30pm Fried Cod (fish), Spaghetti , French Bread Soda, Coffee and Water	 
October 22, 2016	Morning Meeting 9:00 AM Refreshments – Bagels & Donuts Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and water	 
October 29, 2016	Second Degree 7:30pm Pork Steak, Baked Beans, Potato Salad Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water	 
November 5, 2016	Third Degree 7:30pm Pasta Con Broccoli with Chicken, French Bread, Salad Soda, Coffee and Water	



Samuel David Wilk

Sam Wilk was born on December 29, 1942 in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended grade school at Arlington Elementary School in the city of St. Louis. He and his family later moved to the city of Pagedale, Missouri where he attended school in the Normandy High School District. After graduating from Normandy High School, he attended one of the first class’s at the Normandy Extension Center which later became known as the University of Missouri at St. Louis. However, this was not to his liking, so he decided to try the school of Mortuary Science, located in Chicago, Illinois in an effort to become a mortician. He soon learned that there were no jobs available, because this is what is referred to as a closed field. Most funeral parlors were run by family members. After graduating he left for the campus of SIU-C at Carbondale, Illinois, where he received his (BS) in Business he also attended ROTC training. He then attended the University of Miami at Ohio where he received his MBA in business. Upon completion, he served in the Air Force from 1963 to 1968. While still in the service Sam met and found his true love Nadine in 1963.



A Message From Our Noble Grand

Officers and Members

It is hard to believe that the year is more than half over and that my term as Noble Grand will soon come to an end. I want to thank my officers for all of the help they have given me. I also want to thank the members for stepping in when needed to fill the vacancies of the officers who could not attend a meeting. It has truly been an enjoyable year to date, and I look forward to the remainder of my term.

We had our annual banquet on August 20 and celebrated the 175th anniversary of the signing of our charter. Thank you to Brother Richard Aguilar for all of his hard work putting the banquet together and making it the success it was. It is by no means an easy task! I also want to thank the Banquet Committee for all of the help given to Brother Aguilar in the planning phase of the banquet and everything else that was involved. I also want to give special thanks to Grand Master Kenneth Rogers for his assistance in the presentation made to Brother Robert Mayer for his many years of service and dedication to St. Louis Lodge No. 5.

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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

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

John Yount	05	David Masterson	03
Edward Fesenmeyer	06	Ervin Drawing	07
Michael Mangiore	06	Larry Clark	10
Thomas Bergman	08	Thomas McCann	10
Richard Cummings	11	David Jacobi	12
Culus Jones	14	Steven Kracht	13
Robert Steinbach	14	Michael Singer Jr.	13
Ernst Rogers	15	Chester Chatman	16
Raymond Miles	13	Lee Rauhut	17
David Pedroley	16	Scott Sweesy	17
Kevin Smith	19	William Carr III	19
John Bayer	20	Richard Sanders	19
Richard Roesch	23	Barry Rodgers	22
Charles Huey	24	Richard Dumont	24
Ronald Buettner	27	Andrew Fox	26
Giovanni Mangiore	30	Robert Ruester	26
Peter Maniscalco	30	Charles Pedroley	28
		Matt Strohmeier	28
		David Wohlstadter	28
		Patrick Yancey	30
		Jonathan Elliot	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

July	2	Tom Moser	WINNER
July	9	Pete Cauchon	WINNER
July	16	Patrick Yancey	WINNER
July	23	Sam Wilk	WINNER
July	30	Michael Campbell	WINNER
August	6	Wilfred Soutuea	WINNER
August	13	Lee Rauhut	WINNER
August	20	Wilfred Soutuea	WINNER
August	27	John Bayer	WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

Clifford Thurston.....314-541-9221

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 White	314-567-0455
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



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.

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They dated for a while, and were later married in November 1967. They are the proud parents of Steven and Daniel. They are also the grandparents of two beautiful grandchildren Madison and Tyler, who reside in O’Fallon Missouri.

Sam has a long history of his family being involved in masonic service. His father was a Master Mason and a member of Westgate Lodge No 445 for 35 years. Sam started his masonic career when he became a member of DeMolay in his early teens. While a member of DeMolay he would later receive the Legion of Honor Award. Sam has continued his masonic service for over 53 years, He has served as Master of three Masonic lodges, a member of The Scottish Rite and the Moolah Shrine. Sam’s two sons are also Master Masons and have the honor of wearing the Lewis Jewel. After a long career in wholesale food business he finally retired in 2000. But being retired was too boring for him so he started a new chapter in his life where he started calling on Casinos, representing companies that sell various products through their gift shops. He also represents a company which supplies Masonic Aprons and Lapel Pins.

Anyone who knows Sam knows that he is very active in the Masonic Order and Odd Fellows. Sam enjoys serving the community where he can.

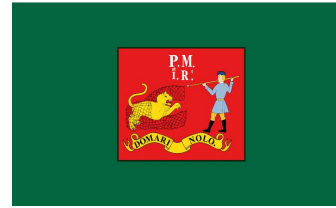
HOW I LEARNED TO TALK TO MY 16 YEAR OLD GRANDDAUGHTER

I had not seen my granddaughter, just the two of us, for months and then I got two days notice that her mother was going to drop her off at our house in the morning to spend the day! I panicked! She is 16 and a stranger to me. I decided to look on line to see what I could talk about with a 16 year old. At least 50 questions popped up on one site. I ran them off and had them on hand.

When she was dropped off we sat for awhile and then I asked her if we could share our lives by asking and answering question. She agreed at once and for the rest of the morning we had a wonderful conversation. I think she felt honored that anyone would care that much about her to ask about her life. We continued our conversation at a quiet restaurant and I really got to know so much about her, and she about me. It was such a special time for both of us.

A place of honor

First Continental Regiment Flag



First Continental Regiment Flag: In the early days of the Revolutionary War, each military unit chose its own device and flag. This produced a great variety of designs that were replaced gradually with uniform patterns later during the war. The banner of the First Continental Regiment, composed of Pennsylvania Militia, was one of the earliest in use. It was displayed at Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the summer of 1775 and was carried throughout the war until the British surrendered at the Battle of Yorktown in 1783. The original of this historic flag is preserved today in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The center of the design shows a Colonial Soldier throwing a net over a lion, probably intended as a reference to Great Britain. The Latin motto on the ribbon translates to “I Refuse to be Dominated.” This flag was present when Worshipful Brother George Washington took over command of the Continental Army

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

Trivia Questions

While searching the internet for items to put in the Link-n-Lines. I came upon a few facts about the history of our country that you might enjoy. Never hurts to know about the place where you live.

1. In what year was the Declaration of Independence written? _____
2. At the time of the Declaration of Independence, how many "colonies" existed in the newly formed United States. _____
3. Which country gave the colonies support against the British? _____
4. Which year was the US Constitution written? _____
5. In which year were the Confederate States of America formed to allow the continued use of slavery in the South? _____
6. In what year were women given the right to vote in the United States? _____
7. In which year did the United States enter World War I? _____
8. In what year did the Great Depression begin? _____
9. In which year did Japan attack the United States, leading to American entry into World War II? _____
10. In which year was the War on Terror declared? _____

See page 4 for answers

As this part of the evening was not part of the program, I believe that we succeeded in surprising Brother Bob. I don't believe that any Lodge member had ever seen him speechless.

On September 5 the third and final Safety Coffee Break (Labor Day) will be held. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate for both the volunteers and the travelers. Thanks to Brother Ray White and his crew for the great work they do at these events. To the newer members and prospective members, if you truly want to appreciate what Odd Fellowship is about, join us at the Bloomsdale, MO rest stop on I-55. Get to know the Brothers outside of the weekly meetings, and help the travelers on their way home. You will enjoy the day!

Coming up in September, we continue on with our degree work, starting with the Initiatory Degree. I believe we currently have four applicants waiting in the wings. I again ask that more brothers attend the degree work, especially the Initiatory Degree, to make a lasting impression on the applicants. Remember, these applicants, as they proceed through the Degrees, are the ones that will be our future officers and keep our organization moving forward.

I know that this has been mentioned many times before, but if you know of anyone that is interested in becoming an Odd Fellow, get an application from Brother Bob Mayer. Again, the only qualifications that are needed, other than being of good moral character, are that the applicant must be at least 16 years old and believe in a Supreme Being.

In closing, I would ask any brother who would like to attend a meeting, but is in need of transportation, to call a brother for a ride. I see many bothers at the picnic and banquet that I do not know because these are the only events they attend. If you cannot attend the weekly meeting, we would like to see you maybe monthly, or at least when we are initiating a new member or conferring a degree.

John M. Eckert
Noble Grand

Answers to Trivia Questions

Question 1:	1776.	Question 6:	1920
Question 2:	13	Question 7:	1917
Question 3:	France.	Question 8:	1929
Question 4:	1789.	Question 9:	1941
Question 5:	1861.	Question 10:	2001



Membership Dues

<u>Last name</u>	<u>First name</u>	<u>Years not paid</u>
Angel	Ronald	1
Bacich	Ian	2
Bayless	Kurt	1
Beuc Jr.	Ralph	1
Beuc III	Rudolph	1
Boyer	Billy	1
Bruckner	Robert	2
Brzezinski	Edwin	1
Carr	Robert	1
Clark	Larry	2
Coleman II	Joseph	1
Davidson	Alan	1
Dittrich Jr.	Thomas	1
Giammanco	Gerard	1
Gisssy	Craig	1
Goede	Lionel	1
Goede Sr.	Arthur	1
Hentschke	Gerhard	1
Jocobi	David	2
Jones	Culus	1
Pedroley	Richard	1
Pratt	Harold	1
Raney	Eric	1
Schroeder	Adam	1
Singer	John	1
Singer III	Michael	1
Singer Jr.	Michael	1
Steinbach	Robert	1
Stephenson	William	1
Strohmeier	Matthew	1
Swanson	Richard	1
Throm	Steven	1
Vaughn	Bradley	1
Walter	Theodor	1
Westhouse	Raymond	1

This is a list of St. Louis Lodge No 5 members who's membership dues are not current. Remember, it is important that you keep your dues current so that you can attend all lodge events.

Things you can hear in a court room



These are from a book called Disorder in the Courts and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?

Robertson Scholarship Program

The scholarship program is open to the children, grandchildren of members and widows of Lodge No. 5. It is not open to nephew, niece, cousins, etc:

Applicants must write to the Robertson Scholarship Program, c/o St. Louis Lodge No. 5, 3765 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, 63108. If anyone other than the student requests an application, the request will be denied. Applications can be requested at anytime but the actual applications will be sent out after the First day of December each year.

Applications must be returned, **filled out in entirety, by March 1st** of the year following December. Incomplete information on applications will make the application void.

All applications for scholarships are reviewed by the Administrator of the Scholarship Fund and the Trustees of Lodge No. 5. All those applying will be notified of either acceptance or non-acceptance. All applications will be held in strict confidence.

Awards will be based on scholastic achievement and financial need.

All recipients of awards must be enrolled as a full time student in an accredited college or trade school and **must maintain a 2.75 G.P.A.** Secondary and post-education enrollment are not part of the program.

Robert J. Mayer Sr.
Secretary



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

Robert J. Mayer Sr.

MANY THANKS



Words cannot express what I felt at our 175th Banquet. I had no idea or inkling of being honored for my service to the lodge and the Grand Lodge. To me it was a kind of labor of love that I could prove myself able to contribute to the success of this Great Lodge and membership. Being in the positions that I have held has taught me many things, to speak more slowly, be more considerate of others feelings, to use my head and heart together when dealing with others. To put aside my feelings when considering what is best for this lodge.

Let me put a couple of things straight, contrary to the article on Facebook, I have never held or been associated with any office in Sovereign Grand Lodge. I have been on many committees both in Grand Lodge and Lodge No. 5. I am serving as a Trustee of Lodge No. 5, a Trustee of the Grand Lodge Endowment Fund, Treasurer for both the Odd Fellows Association of St. Louis and Odd Fellows Hall Company. Currently I am By-Laws Chairman for the Grand Lodge, Chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee and a member of the Grand Masters Executive Committee. My best and most important achievement has been as Secretary of Lodge No. 5. Without starting with that position I would have never have reached the other offices. I didn't get there by myself, I had lots of help along the way with the most and best help coming from our late Brother Larry W. Sisco. There were times, I wanted to walk away from all of it but he talked me out of it. Compared to what he did while he was a member leaves me a bit humble when thinking of my accomplishments. If I didn't pass on what he and those before him taught me, then I disrespect their memories.

This Lodge has a good solid membership whom I have every confidence in that will show others what Odd Fellowship is about. I am proud to be a member and even more proud to be their secretary. Like I said at the Banquet, I had a lot of friends, I lost a lot of friends and I still have a lot of friends.

Bob Mayer Sr.
Secretary
St. Louis Lodge No. 5
Independent Order of Odd Fellows



The emblem of Odd Fellowship is the Three Links with the letters "F, L & T". The three links symbolizes the chain that binds our members together and illustrates that a fraternity is strongest when joined together. The "F" in the first link represents 'friendship', the strongest bond of fraternity that teaches goodwill and harmony. The "L" represents "love", the basis for all lives' ambitions, service to others and family. The "T" represents "truth", the standard by which we value people and the foundation of our society.



St. Louis Lodge No. 5

Annual Banquet 2016



On August 20, 2016, St. Louis Lodge No. 5 held it's 175th Anniversary Celebration at the Genesis Banquet Hall. The celebration was a great success.



Thank you to all my friends for your help and friendship