


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 All menus are subject to change	
March 2, 2019	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Roast Beef, Mash Potato, Green Beans Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
March 9, 2019	<u>Initiatory Degree 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad Bread, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
March 16, 2019	<u>Morning Meeting 9:00am</u> Refreshments – Bagels and Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
March 23, 2019	<u>First Degree 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Beef Tips & Noodles, Salad, Dinner Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
March 30, 2019	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Pizza, Pizza, & Pizza with Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
April 6, 2019	<u>Second Degree 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Mom’s Deli, with Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
April 13, 2019	<u>Morning Meeting 9:00am</u> Refreshments – Craig & Sam’s (S.O.S.) Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
April 20, 2019 Easter Dinner	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Ham, Mash Potatoes, Corn, Dinner Rolls, Desert (pies) Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
April 27, 2019	<u>Third Degree 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Chips, Onions Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water



JOSEPH JOHNSON

Joseph C. Johnson was born on June 6, 1956 in St. Louis to Joseph R and Joan M. Johnson and was the first of four children. His family lived in the St. Louis area all their lives. He attended Notre Dame Elementary School and later graduated from Mercy High School in University City.

Worked at many different jobs until, the age of nineteen. He then worked at the Kisco Corporation for sixteen years. At the present time, Joe is employed by at Mark Andy Inc. where he has worked as a Quality Assurance Technician for the past fifteen years.



A Message From Our Noble Grand


Officers and Members

Greetings,

I would like to start off by saying it is an honor to serve as your Noble Grand. For those that don't know me I am the son of Barbara and Donald Campbell. My father also served this great lodge as Noble Grand. Our lodge has a long history and tradition in St. Louis. I don't think that the founders of this lodge would have ever dreamed that this lodge would still be serving St. Louis, 178 years later. What an impressive accomplishment and all of you are a part of that great history.

The year 2019 will bring some new challenges. We are currently in the market for a new location that better suits the needs of our members. The building on Lindell is up for sale with a potential buyer in place. Once the Board has a new building secured, plans will be drawn and it will be renovated to suit the needs of the Lodges that will meet there. I am confident that once completed it will be a place that we all will all be proud of.

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The heart and hand imply, that when we greet our brothers, it should be with that sincerity and affection which proceed from the heart. This emblem, also, reminds us of that constant and uniform desire for the welfare of our brothers, which should impel us to action in the furtherance of those plans that will most promote their happiness.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

MARCH

Richard Walsh	1
Jeremy McCoy	6
Leroy Jennings	10
Johnny Naylor	14
Billy Ross	15
William Stephenson	19
Eric Raney	23
Gary Nelson	25
Stanley Bialczak	26
Casey Liotta	30
RayWhite	30

APRIL

Norman Schultheis	3
Richard Swanson	4
John Eckert	6
Kenneth White	6
David Vogler	7
James Mouyassar	8
Dwight Wyatt	8
Rudolph Beuc III	9
Lionel Goede	9
Rex Gooch	9
Ronald Angel	13
Cody Wilde	13
Francis Lavar Jr.	14
LaVerne Sailor	16
Paxton Rogers	20
Robert Brucker	27
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

1/5/19	Lee Rauhut	WINNER
1/12/19	Joseph Johnson	WINNER
1/19/19	Richard Aguilar	WINNER
1/26/19	Charles Whisenhunt	WINNER
2/2/19	Craig Skinner	WINNER
2/9/19	Gio Mangiore	WINNER
2/16/19	Ken Rogers	WINNER
2/23/19	Rodney Kleine	WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

William B. Stephenson Jr314-342-1436
Marion Briggs.....314-773-4421
Ervin Drawing.....314-865-3894

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
 Michael J. Campbell.....901-606-7128
Vice Grand
 Frances X. LaVar.....314-607-6380
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 Aguilar314-644-1126
 Craig A. Skinner.....314-839-3081
 Lee T. Rauhut.....314-521-3302



MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS /TELEPHONE CHANGES

Change of Address



New Member

Joseph C Johnson
 7801 General Sherian Lan
 St. Louis, Mo. 63123
 314-638-4383



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.
 St. Louis, Mo. 63108-3411

IDLE HANDS OF RETIRED HUSBAND



After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to the Target Store . Unfortunately, like most men; I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse. Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter, from the local Target Store.

Dear Mrs. Harris, Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion, in our store. We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to, ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr.

Harris, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

- June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
- July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
- July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
- July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away'. This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money. We don't have a Code 3.
- August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.
- August 14: Moved a, 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
- August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.
- August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.
- September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.
- September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.
- October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'
- October 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a fetal position and screamed; '**OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!**'
- 16. October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile; then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.



A place of honor



United States Coast Guard



The origins of the Coast Guard flag are very obscure. It may have evolved from an early jack. At least one contemporary painting supports this theory. In an 1840 painting, the Revenue cutter Alexander Hamilton flies a flag very similar to today's Coast Guard flag as a jack. This flag, like the union jack, which is the upper corner of the United States flag, appears to be the canton or upper corner of the Revenue cutter ensign. An illustration in 1917 shows the Coast Guard flag as a white flag with a blue eagle and 13 stars in a semi-circle surrounding it. At a later date, these words were added: "United States Coast Guard — SemperParatus," which translates to "Always Ready" in Latin.

Currently, the flag of the United States Coast Guard is white with a dark blue Great Seal of the United States. The Great Seal features an American bald eagle with its wings outstretched, or in heraldic terms: "displayed." From the eagle's perspective, it holds a bundle of 13 arrows in its left talon, which refer to the 13 original states, and an olive branch in its right talon, together symbolizing that the United States has "a strong desire for peace, but will always be ready for war."

The eagle has its head turned towards the olive branch, said to symbolize a preference for peace. In its beak, the eagle clutches a scroll with the motto E pluribus unum, meaning: "Out of Many, One." Over its head there appears a "glory" with 13 mullets, or stars, on a blue field. The shield on the eagle's breast has a blue chief over vertical red and white stripes. The color red symbolizes youth and the sacrifice of blood for liberty's sake, the blue not only stands for justice, but also for the covenant against oppression, and the white symbolizes the desire for light and purity. Inscribed in an arc above the eagle is "UNITED STATES COAST GUARD"; below the eagle is the Coast Guard motto, "Semper Paratus" and beneath that the numerals 1790, the year in which the service's ancestor, the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service, was founded. All inscriptions are dark blue.

The Coast Guard flag is used during parades and ceremonies and is adorned by their battle streamers.

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





The lodge will continue normal operations, supporting local charities, scholarships, safety coffee breaks and all other special lodge activities. Your lodge could use your help in planning and coordinating these activities.

As a member that sat on the sidelines and rarely attended meetings for many years, I know about the competing obligations in life. But through my regular attendance and participation in lodge activities I have come to appreciate the work that the lodge does in our community. I also value the fellowship and building relationships with my fellow members. Finally, I would like to encourage all of you to attend meetings when you can and to help us carry on with the great work and traditions of this lodge. If you like to shoot pool, I can usually be found playing before dinner on the second floor. Come and shoot a game or two. I am looking forward to 2019 and the challenges that await us.

Michael Campbell
Noble Grand



ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Members of St. Louis Lodge #5 IOOF are cordially invited to attend a gathering of friends and family to celebrate the life of a lodge brother, a good friend, and a family man. The gathering will be held at

Algabil-Freedom Masonic Lodge No. 636 at
4557 Lemay Ferry Rd. 63129 on Tuesday April 16, 2019

We will honor the life of **Wilfred (Bill) Soutiea**. We hope to that you will join us and bring your best stories about Bill, as well as your appetite because dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Bill's wife Carol and family are invited to attend. We hope that you will join us in this celebration.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Manure.. An interesting fact

“ONE IS NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW!”

Manure : In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything for export had to be transported by ship. It was also before the invention of commercial fertilizers, so large shipments of manure were quite common.

It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by-product is methane gas. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen. Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM! Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instruction ' Stow high in transit on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this "volatile" cargo and start the production of methane. Thus evolved the term ' S.H.I.T ' , (Stow High In Transit) ,..... “So it's really not a swear word” which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day. You probably did not know the true history of this word. Neither did I. I had always thought it was a golfing term.



Where did that saying come from?

Early aircraft throttles had a ball on the end of it, in order to go full throttle the pilot had to push the throttle all the way forward into the wall of the instrument panel. Hence "balls to the wall" for going very fast. And now you know the rest of the story.



God willing and the creek don't rise

Did you know the saying "God willing and the creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the South, Hawkins was requested by the President to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek" he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.



REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES

This is a reminder for the members, this is your last opportunity to pay your Lodge Dues. Before required action must be taken. **It's important** to remember that your dues must be paid no later than March 1, 2019.

Our annual dues are \$40.00 a year. Members who fail to pay their dues will lose their membership benefits and will not permitted to attend any lodge activities. (such as Picnic, Banquet etc.) By paying dues, you help the lodge immensely; your annual dues contribution helps support the lodge. So remember to **PAY YOUR DUES** If you are having financial problems paying your dues, please contact Charles Whisenhunt for further information at 314-353-3542.



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Once again St. Louis Lodge No. 5 will continue to provide support to the Ronald McDonald House Charities for the Family Dinner Program!

This program is a way of being able to provide a hot meal or a quick snack is one of the most important ways we can help those we serve, feel they are truly staying at their home-away-from-home. Having one less worry (a decision on where to eat dinner) is a valuable benefit to families who are focusing all of their energies on their sick child. Brother Gio Mangiore who has been tasked with coordinating the dates for St. Louis lodge No. 5 to provide meals. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Brother Gio for further information.



- DATES FOR 2019**
- Wednesday, January 16, 2019
 - Friday, March 15, 2019
 - Friday, June 28, 2019
 - Thursday, October 17, 2019



Upcoming Events

IMPORTANT DATES

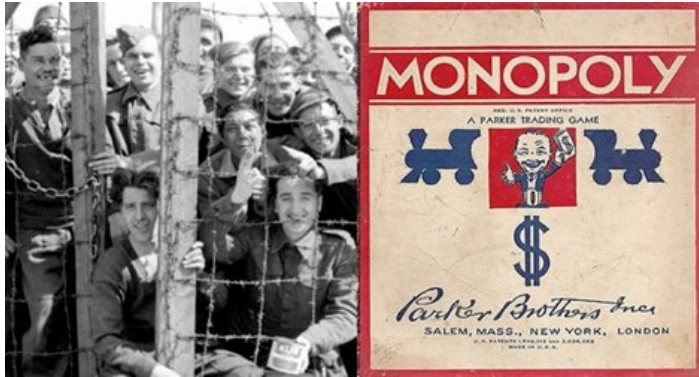
March 9, 2019	Initiatory Degree	7:30pm
March 16, 2019	Morning Meeting	9:00 am
March 23, 2019	First Degree	7:30pm
April 6, 2019	Second Degree	7:30pm
April 13, 2019	Morning Meeting	9:00pm
April 27, 2019	Third Degree	7:30pm



Visit Our Website

A copy of this issue of Link-n-Lines can be found on our website. You can also find additional information about lodge activities and copies of pictures of recent events. Check it out, our website is at www.ioof-stl.org

MONOPOLY GAME



Starting in 1941, an increasing number of British Airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the Crown was casting about for ways and means to facilitate their escape... Now obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only where stuff was, but also showing the locations of 'safe houses' where a POW on-the-lam could go for food and shelter. Paper maps

had some real drawbacks -- they make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear out rapidly, and if they get wet, they turn into mush. Someone in MI-5 (similar to America's OSS) got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up into tiny wads, and unfolded as many times as needed, and makes no noise whatsoever.

At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington, Ltd. When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort. By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K Licensee for the popular American board game, Monopoly. As it happened, 'games and pastimes' was a category of item qualified for insertion into 'CARE' packages', dispatched by the International Red Cross to prisoners of war. Under the strictest secrecy in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass-producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany or Italy where Allied POW camps were located. When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece.

As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add: 1. A playing token containing a magnetic compass. 2. A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together. 3. Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money. British and American crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set by means of a tiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the 'Free Parking Square'. Of the estimated 35,000 Allied POW'S who successfully escaped, an estimated one-third were aided in their flight by the rigged Monopoly sets. Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy indefinitely, since the British Government might want to use this highly successful ruse in still another future war. The story wasn't declassified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honored in a public ceremony.

It's always nice when you can play that 'Get Out of Jail Free' card!

Congratulations



Congratulations to our newest members for receiving their third degree, this past Saturday, February 23, 2019 at St. Louis No. 5 lodge. The members are from left to right: **Bob Thompson, Carl Oberle Jr. and Joseph Johnson.** Congratulations to all of you! Membership in the brotherhood of Odd Fellows means many things. It means being part of an unbroken tradition that stretches back over 200 years. It means sharing the values of our nation's founding fathers; men who

believe in the brotherhood of man are firmly rooted in the Constitution of the United. It means becoming a better person while helping to improve the quality of life for others. It means forming deep and lasting friendships that transcend the boundaries of race, religion and culture, as well as those of geography. But most of all, being an Odd Fellow means the kind of deep satisfaction that comes only from selfless giving; from doing for others without asking, or expecting, anything in return.



25 YEARS

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, St. Louis Lodge No. 5 members honored **Patrick Yancey** for being an Odd Fellows Member for 25 years.

Past Noble Grand Lee Rauhut congratulates Brother Patrick Yancey and presents him with his 25 year pin. Congratulations Brother Pat.

