

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

April 28, 2018	<u>Third Degree 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Deli Sandwiches, Shoe String Potatoes Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water
May 5, 2018	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments –Sloppy Joe & Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
May 12, 2018 Mother's Day	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Open faced Roast Pork, Mash Potatoes, Gravy, Green beans Dessert: cake, Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water <i>Bingo</i>
May 19, 2018	<u>Initiatory Degree 6:00pm (7:00pm Memorial Service)</u> Refreshments – Fried Chicken, Coleslaw, Potatoes Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water
May 26, 2018	<u>Morning Meeting 9:00am</u> Refreshments – Danish and Bagels Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee, and Water
June 2, 2018	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water
June 9, 2018	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Chili, 3- ways, onions, cheese, Crackers, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
June 16, 2018	<u>Morning Meeting 9:00am</u> Refreshments – Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Eggs Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee, and Water





LINK-N-LINES

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May — June 2018



A man called EASY EDDIE

Many Years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. But Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time.

To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well.. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him. Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education nothing was withheld. Price was no object and, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example. One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done. *(Continued on page 10)*



A Message From Our Noble Grand

Officers and Members

Greetings, as I write this in mid-April the temperature this morning was in the low thirties. Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will have finally turned the corner into springtime once and for all. Despite the seemingly never-ending winter, St. Louis Lodge #5 is already well into the planning for our annual spring and summer events.

A couple of months ago we hosted our winter Fun Bowling Tournament, and more recently bingo for the members spouses at our Easter dinner. On the drawing board is our Mother's Day Eve event, the annual picnic, and of course our annual banquet in late summer. Also, the summer holiday season is just around the corner, which means that our annual cycle of Safety Coffee Breaks is likewise imminent. For any of you may still be unfamiliar with our Safety Coffee Breaks, for many summers our lodge has been hosting these events on the three traditional summer holidays. Ordinarily they are actually held on Memorial Day in late May, the Fourth of July, and in early September on Labor Day. Occasionally the dates are slightly changed in order to accommodate the largest number of patrons.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

MAY

Don Hornberger	12
Joseph Coleman II	13
David Dempsey	14
Bruce Boeckmann	15
Craig Skinner	16
Peter Cauchon	20
Brian Goldman	20
Edwin Brzezinski	26
Dennis Bast	28
Marion Briggs	28
Rodney Kleine	29

JUNE

Palmer Ash	8
James Jourdainq	16
Connie Curran	18
Nicholas Cichielo	23
Walter Sawicki	28



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

3/3/18	Ray White	WINNER
3/10/18	Craig Skinner	WINNER
3/17/18	Charlie Whisenhunt	WINNER
3/24/18	Lee Rauhut	WINNER
3/31/18	Casey Liotta	WINNER
4/7/18	Craig Skinner	WINNER
4/14/18	Richard Aguilar	WINNER
4/21/18	John Siscoel	WINNER
4/28/18	Rich Roesch	WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

Ken Hetz.....314-487-3563
William B. Stephenson Jr314-342-1436

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
 Lee Rauhut.....314-521-3302
Vice Grand
 Michael J. Campbell.....901-606-7128
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

New phone Number.
 Walter Clifton
 (314) 701-1726

Change of Address
 Terry Throm
 2949 Lookout Lane
 N. Prince George, VA
 Zip: 23860-8004



New Member

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.
 3765 Lindell Blvd.
 St. Louis, Mo. 63108-3411

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Objective

To Improve and Elevate the Character of Mankind

He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some resemblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay.. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from a magazine.

The poem read: ("The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still").

The story continues, World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; a squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American-fleet.

The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly.

Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return.. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft. This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honor.

A Year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His hometown would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man. So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2. **SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER?**

Edward (Butch) O'Hare was Edward Joseph O'Hare, aka: (Easy Eddie's) son!!!
Story by [Marty Kaarre](#)

The moral of this story is that it is never to late to improve and elevate the Character of Mankind



A place of honor



A Symbol of America



The Forty Eight Star Flag

One hundred thirty six years after the founding of our Nation, on October 29th, 1912, by Executive Order of President William Howard Taft, our flag was fixed in this form of 48 stars and 13 stripes. It was our National Emblem through peace and war, prosperity and depression. This flag flew over our Nation longer than any other, with the exception of our present day flag. It flew for 47 years, from just before World War

One to just before Vietnam. Many famous people served this banner, such as Black Jack Pershing, Eddie Rickenbacker, Charles Lindbergh, Franklin Roosevelt, Audie Murphy, Harry Truman, Douglas McArthur, and Curtis Lemay.

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



GYNECOLOGIST

A gynecologist had become fed up with malpractice insurance and HMO paperwork, and was burned out. Hoping to try another career where skillful hands would be beneficial, he decided to become a mechanic. He went to the local technical college, signed up for evening classes, attended diligently, and learned all he could. When the time of the practical exam approached, he prepared carefully for weeks, and completed the exam with tremendous skill.

When the results came back, he was surprised to find that he had obtained a score of 150%. Fearing an error, he called the instructor, saying, "I don't want to appear ungrateful for such an outstanding result, but I wonder if there is an error in the grade?" The instructor said, "During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which was worth 50% of the total mark. You put it back together perfectly, which was also worth 50%." After a pause, the instructor added, "I gave you an extra 50% because you did it all through the muffler, which I've never seen done in my entire career."





For example, check this newsletter for the exact date of our 2018 Independence Day event. Because this year July 4th occurs mid-week, we may schedule this Safety Coffee Break on one of the weekend days adjacent to the 4th.

At our Safety Coffee Breaks, the lodge members serve complimentary coffee, iced tea, lemonade, popcorn, and our famous hot dogs to the travelling public. In recent years our location has been the northbound I-55 Rest Stop just this side of the Bloomsdale, Missouri interchange with I-55. The members assemble around 9 a.m. to prepare for serving by 11 a.m., ending approximately mid-afternoon and followed by pack-up and clean-up. Even those members who may be reading this who do not regularly attend our weekly lodge meetings, please consider helping out your fellow lodge members for a few hours at our Safety Coffee Breaks. It is not necessary to be able to assist for the whole event, any amount of time and help is appreciated, especially including later-arriving afternoon helpers for packing and cleaning up. If you would like, please bring your spouse, a couple of lawn chairs, and you can divide a few hours of your time between helping and some quality visiting. Although these Safety Coffee Breaks require a lot of planning and work, they are well worth your time and efforts. They serve a valuable purpose by keeping our holiday travelers safe on the road. Equally importantly, they provide exposure for our lodge to the public. In recent years, our lodge has even handed out practical and fun toys to travelling children. Last but not least, the Safety Coffee Breaks are downright enjoyable. Not only do the lodge members get the chance to bond for a good, common purpose, the travelling public that patronizes these free events is invariably appreciative, friendly, and genuinely interesting to meet.

Lee Rauhut
Noble Grand



Congratulations



On April 22nd while attending the Masonic Grand Masters Breakfast, our own Brother Ernie Rodgers was honor by Ronald D. Jones, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri AF & AM. as having been a mason for 70 years. Ernie was also presented with a beautiful Masonic Apron for his years of faithful service. Our sincere congratulations to Ernie Rodgers.



SPECIAL MESSAGE

BY-LAWS

In the Missouri Grand Lodge Constitution there is a defined procedure for submitting new or amended lodge By-Laws. These procedures are in Article 2, sections 111.01 and 111.02 of the Grand Lodge Constitution.

New or amended By-Laws are to be submitted by using the “Submittal Form” found in Section 111.02. The reason for using this form is that it is the only way the Grand Lodge can affirm that proposed or new By-Laws were voted on by the members of a lodge and that they have had sufficient time to ponder the changes. In other words a first reading of the proposed or new By-Laws must be presented to the lodge, either in writing or orally, at least a week before they are to be vote upon. That prevents an impromptu or arbitrary change of By-Laws that is not known by the membership. Failure to use this form will result in an automatic return of the By-laws as unapproved.

The new or amended By-Laws are submitted to the **GRAND SECRETARY** and not the Grand Warden. Two copies of the new or amended By-Laws and a copy of the present By-Laws (if there be one) are sent to the Grand Secretary. He then keeps one copy of the new or proposed changes and forwards the rest to the Grand Warden.

The Grand Warden then forwards the proposed or new changes to the By-Laws Chairman who reviews them. He then returns the proposed or new By-Laws back to the Grand Warden with an opinion of whether to approve or return the By-Laws unapproved. A final decision is made by the Grand Warden.

If approved, the Grand Warden sends the By-Laws back to the lodge it came from with his approval. Once the Grand Warden approves the By-Laws they go into effect but are still subject to Grand Lodge approval at the annual session. Once approved at the session they become final. If unapproved they are sent back to the submitting lodge with a note of what is incorrect. The lodge can then make the correction(s) and resubmit.

All new or amended By-laws must be in compliance with the Grand Lodge Constitution and Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws. They now must contain the Non-Discriminatory Policy as set down by the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the wording cannot be altered but must appear as printed.

Robert J. Mayer Sr.
By-Law Chairman

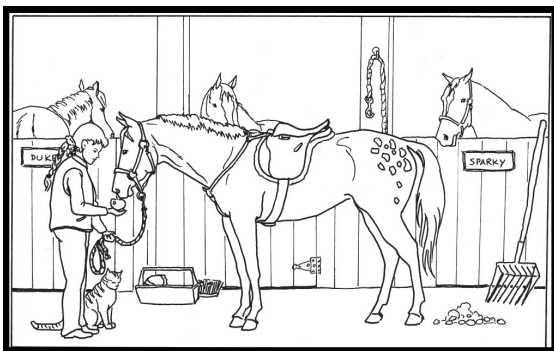
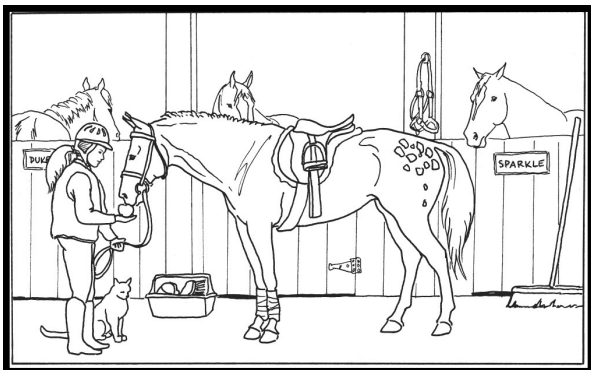


REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES

This is a reminder for the members who have not paid their Lodge Dues. **It's important** to remember that your dues must be paid no later than March 30, 2018. Our annual dues are \$40.00 a year. Members who fail to pay their dues **by March 30, 2018** will lose their membership benefits and are 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.



Can you spot 15 things that are different In these 2 pictures



Answers: 1. Horse's Bridle, 2. Missing Stirrup, 3. Hanging Halter, 4. Brush out of box, 5. Fat Stripes, 6. Girl's hair, 7. Girl's Helmet, 8. Stall Name Sign, 9. Horse in stall wearing halter, 10. Polo wraps on horse's leg, 11. Pitchfork & Broom, 12. Mannure, 13. Breathplate on Horse, 14. Horse's Mane, 15. Girls Boots



IMPORTANT DATES



MAY 12, 2018 Mothers Day Dinner & Bingo
 March 19, 2018 Initiatory Degree
 March 28, 2018 Coffee Safety Break



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Once again St. Louis Lodge No. 5 will 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 SELECTED FOR 2018

- Friday, March 16, 2018
- Thursday, July, 20, 2018
- Monday, May 21, 2018
- Wednesday, October 19, 2018



Motto
Friendship, Love and Truth



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We will soon celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, the 28th of May 2018. The reason we celebrate this special event is to commemorate the lives of U.S. Soldiers and other military personnel who sacrificed their lives and died in honor of their country. This Memorial Day let us take time to remember those who have been taken from us.



Safety Coffee Break

Well it's that time of the year, we officially start the season of holding our Safety Coffee Break activities. The Safety Coffee Breaks are held on three holiday's those being Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. We hope to encourage travelers to take a break at the Rest Area. Our members serve Coffee, Ice tea, Lemonade, Hotdogs and fresh Popcorn to everyone entering the rest area, that wishes to take part. This is all served free of charge. The Rest Area location is on north bound I-55, north of Bloomsdale, Missouri approximately 50 miles south of St. Louis, Missouri.

This is a time for the members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 to give back to the citizens of our great state. We start at 9:00am by setting up the equipment and finish by 3:00pm putting the equipment away. What is nice is that you never know who you are going to meet. We have met so many nice people such as brothers from other Odd Fellows Lodges, people traveling thru our state. We even met a movie star, Donna Douglas "Elly May Clampett" from the TV show Beverly Hillbillies. Each year we are told by people that they look for us when they stop to rest. They not only enjoy the meal and drinks but meeting the members of our lodge. So if you can come, please join us on the following dates.

- Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2018
- Independent Day Wednesday, July 4, 2018
- Labor Day Monday, September 3, 2018

REMEMBER, THE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE



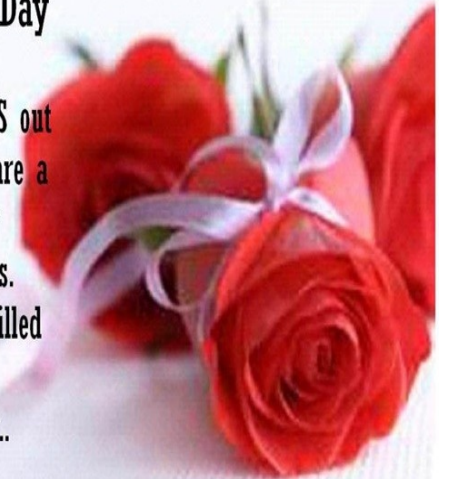
ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

St. Louis Lodge No. 5 will be celebrating Mothers Day on May 12, 2018 at the Three Links Building, 3765 Lindell Blvd. (lodge dining room). This is a regular meeting night.

All members are invited with a guest to attend the lodge dinner. After dinner and while the members are attending a meeting. Bingo will be held in the small dining room for our wife's/guests. We hope that you will take this opportunity to come celebrate Mothers Day with us.

Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out there whether you are a Past, Present or Soon To be Moms. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter..



Well it's time for St. Louis Lodge No. 5 Annual Picnic. Every year the lodge holds it's annual picnic for members, widows and their families. The picnic this year will be on June 3, 2018 at Lemay Park. This is a time for all to come together as a big family and enjoy spending time with each other. We hope all will come and have a good time.

REMEMBER you should have received the letter containing the picnic information. Included will be a ticket request form along with a map. It is **important** that the members complete the form and mail it as soon as possible to Brother Charles Whisenhunt. This information allows us to know how many members and guests are coming and also assist us when ordering food and attendance prizes. Members and their families must have a ticket to attend the picnic. You must obtain your tickets before the picnic as no tickets will be given out at the picnic.

Members and their guest are encouraged to bring side dishes and any soft drinks for their families. The lodge will be providing Pork Steaks, Hotdogs, Buns along with Water, Tea and Lemonade. See you there!!