

Refreshments and Activity

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	
May 4, 2019	Regular Meeting 7:30pm Refreshments – Lasagna Pasta, Salad, Dinner Rolls Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
May 11, 2019 Celebrating Mother's Day	Bingo Regular Meeting 7:30pm Bingo Refreshments Roast Beef, Scalloped Potatoes, Mix Vegetables Salad, Dinner Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
May 18 2019	Initiatory Degree 7:30pm Refreshments – Fried Chicken, Coleslaw, Potatoes Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
May 25, 2019	Morning Meeting, 9:00am Refreshments – Donuts and Bagels, Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
June 1, 2019	Morning Meeting, 9:00am Refreshments – Breakfast Sandwiches Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
June 8, 2019	Regular Meeting 7:30pm Refreshments – Cold Cut Sandwiches with Cheese, Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
June 15, 2019	Regular Meeting 7:30pm Refreshments – Fish (COD), Macaroni & Cheese Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
June 22, 2019	Regular Meeting 7:30pm Refreshments – Brats, Potatoes, Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water





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May - June 2019



RED SKELTON

Did you know that Red Skelton was an Odd Fellow. Mr. Red (Richard) Skelton was born into a circus family on July 18, 1913 in Vincennes, Indiana. Sadly, it was a family without a father. Red's father died just two months before Red was born.

Later in life, Red would honor his father and the life of a clown with a poem entitled "The Circus". Red Skelton made his radio debut in 1936. In 1938 he aired his own radio show which ran for 15 years. In 1950 "The Red Skelton Show" was born and ran for 20 Consecutive years, never leaving the list of the country's top ten shows. Additionally, Skelton appeared in 48 motion pictures, 22 in which he starred. Throughout his life of entertainment he performed before the Queen of England, eight US Presidents, and in three private showings for Popes. Even though Mr. Skelton was best known as a pantomimist, he was a composer, artist and author as well.

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A Message From Our Noble Grand

Officers and Members

Greetings

I genuinely hope that this message finds you happy and well. It seems that the older we get the faster time goes by. Spring is upon us and St. Patrick's Day and Easter have already passed by. The Safety Coffee Breaks and the Annual Picnic are right around corner.

Hopefully you have received your picnic letter in the mail. If not drop me a message at michedad@charter.net and I will make sure that we get that resolved. The ticket requests must be returned no later than May 25th.

I would like to encourage all of you those of you that haven't been to Lodge in a long time to return for a few meetings. We are always happy to see a new face. The Lodge is a fraternal organization and those of us that attend regularly enjoy the friendships that we have made there. I don't know about you, but I never have enough friends.

We especially could use increased attendance on Degree nights. The Degree work is vital in keeping our lodge infused with new members.

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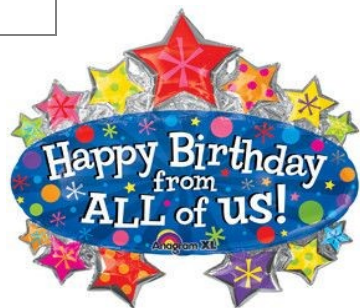
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

MAY

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

JUNE

Palmer Ash	8
James Jourdain	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

3-2-19	Gio Mangiore	WINNER
3-9-19	Pat Yancey	WINNER
3/16/19	Jeffrey Parrotte	WINNER
3/23/19	Jose Hernandez	WINNER
4/6/19	Barry Rodgers	WINNER
4/13/19	Ernest Rodgers	WINNER
4/20/19	Darrel Curtis	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

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
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He composed 8,000 songs which include 5,000 musical selections, and wrote 64 symphonies which have been played and recorded by some of the world's greatest orchestras. His paintings awarded him one of the highest honors an artist can receive, "The Footprints in the Sands of Time". He also authored five books, and every day he wrote his beloved love note and poem.

Though he entertained millions and made us all laugh, he never forgot the importance of God, country and family. Skelton was a Freemason a member of Vincennes Lodge No. 1, in Indiana. He also was a member of both the Scottish and the York Rite He was a recipient of the Gold Medal of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, for Distinguished Service in the Arts and Sciences. On September 24, 1969, he received the honorary 33rd degree in the Scottish Rite and was a Gourgas Medal recipient in 1955. Skelton became interested in Masonry as a small boy selling newspapers in Vincennes, when a man bought a paper from him with a five dollar bill and told him to keep the change. The young Skelton asked his benefactor why he had given him so much money; the man explained that he was a Mason and Masons are taught to give. Skelton decided to become one also when he was grown. He was also member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows as well as a Shriner in Los Angeles.

Skelton was made an honorary brother of Phi Sigma Kappa at Truman State University In 1961 he became an honorary brother of the Phi Alpha Tau Fraternity of Emerson College when he was awarded the Joseph E. Connor Award for excellence in the field of communications. He also received an honorary degree from the college at the same ceremony. Skelton received an honorary high school diploma from Vincennes High School. He was also an honorary member of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity; Skelton had composed many marches which were used by more than 10,000 high school and college bands. In 1986, Skelton received an honorary degree from Ball State University The Red Skelton Memorial Bridge spans the Walbash River and provides the highway link between Illinois and Indiana on U.S. Route 50, near Skelton's home town of Vincennes. He attended the dedication ceremonies in 1963. He died on September 17, 1997 after a lingering illness. Those who loved him mourn his passing.

Red Skelton not only believed in our objective but demonstrated **"To Improve and Elevate the Character of Mankind"**. He is one of a kind and no one can ever fill his shoes. He is an Odd Fellow who will be deeply missed and not forgotten.



A place of honor



TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



Recently, Tomb Guards from the US Army's 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) were presented with 4 ceremonial M17 pistols at Arlington National Cemetery. These works of art were created by SIG SAUER specifically for use by the Guards. This ceremony marks the first use of the M17, which will accompany the Sentinels of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers as they stand guard 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The unique distinguishing features for the M17 Tomb of the Unknown

Pistols include:

Pistol Names: each of the four pistols bears the name of Silence, Respect, Dignity, or Perseverance and is featured on the dust cover. Dignity and Perseverance represent "The Sentinel's Creed," and Silence and Respect represent the request to the public by Arlington National Cemetery when visiting the Tomb of the Unknown, and during the Changing of the Guard; **Custom Wood Grips:** in 1921 the chosen Unknown was transported to the United States of America aboard the USS Olympia. The custom wood grips are made with wood from the USS Olympia and include the crest of the 3rd Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier identification badge inset;



Cocking Serrations: XXI cocking serrations are engraved on the slide to signify the twenty-one steps it takes for the Tomb Sentinels to walk by the Tomb of the Unknowns and the military honor of a 21 Gun Salute; **Sight Plate:** an engraved impression of the Greek Figures featured on the east panel of the Tomb – Peace, Victory, and Valor – are featured on the sight plate; **Sights:** a glass insert made with marble dust from the Tomb of the Unknown fills the sights of the ceremonial pistols;

Engraved Magazines: the 21-round magazines feature an aluminum base plate engraved with the names of the Greek figures featured on the Tomb of the Unknown – Peace, Victory, and Valor – and include a name plate on the bottom of the magazine engraved with the Tomb Sentinel badge number.



Serial Numbers: the pistols are serialized with a unique set of serial numbers that incorporate items of significance to the Old Guard: "LS" represents line six of the Sentinels' Creed, "My standard will remain perfection; "02JUL37" to signify the first 24-hour guard posted at the Tomb of the Unknown on July 3, 1937; "21" to signify the 21 steps it takes the Tomb Sentinels to walk by the Tomb of the Unknown, and the military honor of a 21 Gun Salute. The full series of M17 Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Pistols serial numbers are LS02JUL37A21 (Silence), LS02JUL37B21 (Respect), LS02JUL37C21 (Dignity), LS02JUL37D21 (Perseverance) "A veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to The United States of America for any amount, up to and including their life." Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier/sailor/marine/airman who died to protect it.

Your Lodge needs you to help to put on degrees, help with Safety Coffee Breaks, to serve on committees and to bring in new members.

Finally, we would love to hear from you. We give a report every week on members who are ill or in distress. If you are unable to attend meetings due to health or other issues please let us know. It would be nice to report on members that haven't been to Lodge in a while that are healthy and doing well. It is just nice to know how you are doing. Feel free to drop me an email or a message on my phone 902-606-7128. I keep a pretty full schedule these days but I will return your call.

May God Bless and keep you all.
Michael Campbell
Noble Grand



SAFETY COFFEE BREAK TIME



In the late 1980's and early 1990's St. Louis Lodge No. 5 was looking for a good way to get the Odd Fellows name out into the public view. Many in the public, when asked, did not know what the Odd Fellows name meant, nor what the Odd Fellows did.

An idea then took hold among some of our members, with lodge approval, was to set up a coffee break for traveling motorists at a Missouri Highway rest stop. This would happen on the summer holidays, Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. It would benefit not only the lodge but the motoring public.

In 1990 a group of brothers who were volunteers, led by Brother Mackey L. Bayless, who was an employee of the Missouri Highway Department, set up what would become known as the Safety Coffee Break at the rest stop near Jefferson Barracks on west bound Highway 255. Before setting up the first S.C.B, permission was first obtained from the Missouri Highway Department. Permission was given with the following restrictions; no charges were to be made to the passing motoring public for services offered. No large signs were to be put near the highway without MoDot approval. The rest areas were to be left clean and intact when the S.C.B. was over and each year permission had to be obtained from MoDot before having a S.C.B. Our scheduled dates for 2019 are Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019, Independence Day, Thursday, July 4, 2019 and Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2019. We hope that you will come out and help us.



DID YOU KNOW ?

LAMBERT FIELD



The photograph is of a Chicago & Southern DC-3 at the original St. Louis Lambert Field terminal.

The original terminal was dedicated in April 1933. The two story building was described as "A Union Station Of The Air." It was initially criticized as being too large as it could handle four plains at one time. The terminal stood on Lindbergh Boulevard at the northwest corner of the airfield. It was in daily use until a new terminal on the south side of the field was opened in 1956.

Chicago & Southern Airlines first flew from St. Louis in 1934. The DC-3's flown by C&S were unpressurized, and the one stewardess would pass out Chicklet gum to equalize ear pressure as the plane gained or lost altitude. She also served "Coca-Cola" in glass bottles. Chicago & Southern also purchased the early Lockheed Constellations that were state of the art at the time. Pressurized, they were much more comfortable and had a longer range. After the merger with Delta Air Lines on May 1, 1953 the combined carrier was named, for a short time Delta C&S. The former C&S Constellations were quickly sold, and the airline began using four engine Douglas aircraft until the new jets arrived.



Did you know the World's Fair was held here in St. Louis in 1904? If you answered "no" to this question, your status as a St. Louisan is hereby revoked until you've watched the 1944 movie *Meet Me in St. Louis*, which re-creates that momentous time. (Well, sort of; it's pretty clear that the exteriors were shot on the MGM lot.) Equally importantly, the film will get the titular waltz, the official theme song of the fair, stuck in your head for at least a week. Once that's been accomplished, dance your way to the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park and take a look at the ongoing exhibit on the fair.

The other displays are pretty interesting, too. Fortify yourself with a drink or a meal at Bixby's, the museum café, and start walking westward along Lindell Boulevard. (A true St. Louisan always looks west.) Let your eyes wander over the rolling hills of Forest Park, across the Grand Basin, all the way up to the Saint Louis Art Museum, which began its life 107 years ago as the fair's Pavilion of Fine Arts. Or turn the other direction and admire the mansions built by well-heeled citizens who wanted to be close to the action. Straight ahead is Washington University and its signature building, Brookings Hall, which — you guessed it! — also played a role in the fair, as the administrative building. The area's quieter and more peaceful these days than it was in 1904, but if you feel the urge to sing, nobody's going to stop you. more peaceful these days than it was in 1904, but if you feel the urge to sing, nobody's going to stop you.



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.



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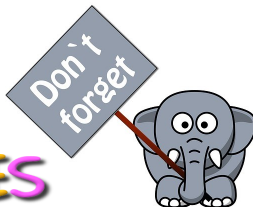
DATES FOR 2019
 Wednesday, January 16, 2019
 Friday, March 15, 2019
 Friday, June 28, 2019
 Thursday, October 17, 2019



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.



Upcoming Events



IMPORTANT DATES

May 4, 2019	Regular Meeting	7:30 pm
May 11, 2019	Regular Meeting (Mother's Day	7:30 pm
May 18, 2019	Initiatory Degree	7:30 pm
May 25, 2019	Morning Meeting	9:00 am
June 1, 2019	Morning Meeting	9:00 pm
June 8, 2019	Regular Meeting	7:30 pm
June 15, 2019	Regular Meeting	7:30 pm
June 22, 2019	Regular Meeting	7:30 pm



Visit Our Website

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ATTENTION MEMBERS

*Members and their wives
or significant other
are cordially invited to attend
dinner to celebrate Mother's Day
on
May 11, 2019. at 6:30 pm.*

*After dinner, Bingo will be available to our
guests during our lodge meeting. Come join us
celebrate that special person in your life.*



INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

On May 30, 1849 IOOF Lodge #35 bought five acres of land and established Friendship Cemetery, located in Columbus, Mississippi. In 1957 Lodge #35 deeded the Cemetery to the City of Columbus, MS and the cemetery expanded to its present size of 55 acers. Columbus, MS is the largest town in Lowndes County.

Columbus, MS is the only town that during the Civil War never had a shot fired in anger or any destruction to its historical Antebellum Homes. In fact Columbus has the largest collection of antebellum homes per population. During the Civil War Columbus, MS, was noted for its hospitalization of soldiers from the South as well as the North. Both Armies brought there wounded to Columbus for medical service.

Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, has been called "Where Flowers Healed A Nation"? On April 25, 1866 the Ladies of Confederacy Columbus, Mississippi decided to decorate both Confederate and Union soldiers' graves with garlands and bouquets of beautiful flowers. As a direct result of this kind gesture, Americans celebrate what has come to be called MEMORIAL DAY each year. Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, has been called "Where Flowers Healed A Nation"? On April 25, 1866 the ladies of Columbus, Mississippi decided to decorate both Confederate and Union soldiers' graves with garlands and bouquets of beautiful flowers. As a direct result of this kind gesture, Americans celebrate what has come to be called MEMORIAL DAY each year. Confederate General John A Logan, Civil War Commander in Chief declared that May 30, 1868 be designated Decoration Day.



However, the Ladies of the Confederacy marked April 26, 1868 as the day to mark the graves in Friendship Cemetery since it was one day after the Civil War ended. Over the years the day has become known as Memorial Day and on 1971, Memorial Day was officially designated as a National Holliday, changing Memorial Day to the last Monday in May.

This monument is the Fallen Angel and is one of the unique head stones in Friendship Cemetery.

*Information provided by Francis J. Buchholz Jr I.O.O.F.
member of St. Louis Lodge #5*