



Refreshments and Activities at Your Lodge

Because of ongoing Special Circumstances, the lodge meetings times have been changed. All refreshments served at 6:00 P.M. except when otherwise noted. All meeting are at 7:00 P.M.

May 1, 2021	1St. Degree 7:00pm Refreshments – Pot Luck Leftovers Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
May 8, 2021 (Mother's Day)	BINGO Regular Meeting 7:00pm BINGO Refreshments– Cannelloni, Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
May 15, 2021	2nd Degree 7:00pm Refreshments– Sausage w/Onions & Peppers, German Potato Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
May 22, 2021	3rd Degree 7:00pm Refreshments – Philly Cheese Steak, with Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
May 29, 2021 (Memorial Day)	Morning Meeting 10:00am Refreshments – Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon & Sausage Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
June 5, 2021	Morning Meeting 10:00am Refreshments – Jeff's Surprise Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
June 12, 2021	3rd Degree 7:00 P.M. Refreshments Meatloaf, Vegetable, Mashed Potato Salad, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water ,
June 19, 2021 (Father's Day)	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Cold Cuts with Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
June 26, 2021	Initiatory Degree 7:00pm Refreshments – Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water





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WHAT RITUAL MEANS



What does the word Ritual mean to you? Is it some book you are given or purchased when you joined the Odd Fellows? Is it a book that was meant to have various parts memorized? Is it a book that has difficult reading? Or is it a book with deep meaning?

The Ritual covers four degrees, opening and closing of Lodge, and Installation of Officers. These are put into print to make these ceremonies the same to all Odd Fellow Lodges so when visiting other lodges, the work is the same. The Ritual is the supreme law of Odd Fellows. The Ritual is the handbook for Odd Fellowship.

The Ritual is much more than that. There are various parts that, to me, stand out with deeper meaning. "We strive to improve and elevate the character of man." "To imbue him with his capability of good." These are just some of the deeper meanings that can be found in the Ritual. One part that stands out to me is "how cheerless the home of the dead when unrelieved by the prospect of immortal life." The Ritual has evolved over decades, it has been shortened, with revised wording to make it more understandable to members, even so far as to have short form for degrees, but this has not solved the problem of a declining dedicated membership.

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A Message From Our Noble Grand Officers and Members

Greetings to all!

That lovely time of year is here, Spring. The season of renewal with trees and flowers showing off their colors. Here at St. Louis Lodge #5 we are

Thomas J. Moser

also beginning to renew after a hectic year of the dreaded COVID 19 Pandemic. We are getting accustomed to our new building which is beautiful. Soon we plan to have a few games in our recreation room. For sure a pool table and a dart board and a few others.

We are again performing degree work and have initiated several new members. Come out some night and meet them and while you are at it get an application for that friend or family member. We sure could use a few members to learn parts in our degrees to make a good impression on our new members. If you have a fairly good memory pick a part and learn it well. While we are greeting our new members, let us not forget our widows. We have several that we have lost track of. We do not know if they have moved or maybe passed away but we would like to know. If they have moved and need something, we might be able to lend a helping hand. Those we are missing are; Mrs. Myrtle Gutman—Mrs. Marilyn Bayless—Mrs. John Hughes—Mrs. Mildred Reaves—Mrs Naomi Gibbs. If anyone has any information on any of these widows please call me at 314-478-6045. Hope to see you in lodge soon.

Best wishes to all!
Thomas J. Moser
Noble Grand



GETTING OLDER (AND COVID, TOO)

1. Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.
2. It's weird being the same age as old people.
3. When I was a kid I wanted to be older...this is not what I expected.
4. Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter.
5. Chocolate is God's way of telling us he likes us a little bit chubby.
6. It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.
7. Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. **So remember...don't sing!**
8. During the middle ages they celebrated the end of the plague with wine and orgies. Does
9. anyone know if there is anything planned when this one ends?
10. I see people about my age mountain climbing. I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.
11. If you can't think of a word say, "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.
12. I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.
13. Corona Roller Coaster. The ups and downs of a pandemic. One day you're loving your bubble, doing workouts, baking banana bread, and going for long walks and the next you're crying, drinking gin for breakfast, and missing people you don't even like.
14. I'm at that age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggests I'm 12, while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.
15. Don't be worried about your smartphone or TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years.
16. I'm getting tired of being part of a major historical event.
17. I don't always go the extra mile but when I do, it's because I missed my exit.
18. You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.
19. We all get heavier as we get older. That's because there's a lot more information in our heads.

AN OLDER PERSON'S PERSPECTIVE



As you get older, you've got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years!"



I REALLY DON'T MIND GETTING OLDER, BUT MY BODY IS TAKING IT BADLY.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

MAY

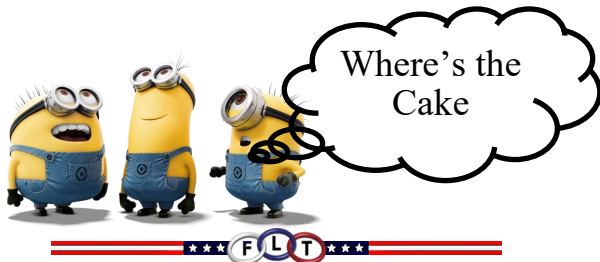
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Bruce Boeckmann	15
Marion Briggs	28
Edwin Brzezinski	26
Peter Cauchon	20
Walter Clifton	29
Timothy David	10
David Dempsey	14
Enrique Garcia	19
Brian Goldman	20
Don Hornberger	12
Rodney Kleine	29
James Schmerold	13
Craig Skinner	16

JUNE

Palmer Ash	6
Nicholas Cichielo	23
Connie Curran	18
James Jourdain	16
Walter Sawicki	28



**Happy Birthday
To My Bestest Friend**



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING

3-6	Jeffery Parrotte	WINNER
3-13	Richard Aguilar	WINNER
3-20	Walter Clifton	WINNER
3-27	Richard Aguilar	WINNER
4-3	Lee Rauhut	WINNER
4-10	Richard Roesch	WINNER
4-17	John Eckert	WINNER
4-24	Richard Aguilar	WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

Marion Briggs.....314-773-4421
Charles Iselin.....314-664-3462

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
Thomas J. Moser.....314-478-6045
Vice Grand.
Jeffrey A. Parrotte.....636-751-3138
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

ADDRESS CHANGES



Mrs. Noreen Dempsey
40 Meramec Apt#212
Balwin, Mo. 63021
HP#314-607-5460

Richard Dumont,
16219 Autumn View Terrace Dr.,
Ellisville, Mo. 63011-4743
HP# 636-821-1621

Marion Briggs
4333 Chippewa, Apt. 5,
St. Louis, Mo. 63116

**DON'T FORGET
TO MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR ROSTER**

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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.
3952 Tholozan Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63116



LOCAL ODD FELLOWS LODGE KEY PLAYER IN PANDEMIC EFFORTS FOR THE SECOND TIME



While searching for something to put into the Link-n-Lines. I came across several articles about Odd Fellows Lodges helping others. One article in particular mentioned how a specific lodge helped during two pandemic's. The Longmont Odd Fellows Lodge #29, IOOF, Longmont, Colorado - a chapter of the nationwide fraternity — joins the fight against COVID-19.

Then a registered pharmacist and business owner Jennifer Palazzolo found out last month that her Flatirons Family Pharmacy was getting a somewhat unexpected delivery of 750 COVID-19 vaccinations,

Palazzolo needed to find space fast to administer the doses. The Longmont pharmacy has been vaccinating 60 to 120 people per day carside. But the roughly 2,000-square-foot building didn't have the space for a vaccine clinic that could administer more than 700 doses. "I posted on Facebook that I needed volunteers and help with space to give at least 700 doses of Pfizer that showed up kind of unexpectedly, and we had to use them in a very fast amount of time," Palazzolo said. Dr. Lou Cavallo, owner of Cavallo Chiropractic and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, heard about the situation and passed the information along to his fellow lodge members. They decided to answer the call.

Outside the roughly 13,000-square-foot lodge building at 434 Main St. in Longmont, Colorado on Saturday, dozens of mask-clad people stood in line waiting to receive their second COVID-19 vaccination. Inside was a bustle of 15 to 20 Odd Fellows volunteers, directing people to chairs, where someone would swipe one of their arms with an alcohol wipe and administer the shot. It's not the first time the lodge has played an important role in helping to end a public health crisis. The lodge in 1918 served as a makeshift emergency hospital during the influenza pandemic. Longmont Museum Curator of History Erik Mason mentioned the charity organization's role in a column he wrote for the Times-Call on the 1918 pandemic in Longmont. "Longmont had two small hospitals — the Longmont Hospital at Fourth and Coffman, built 10 years earlier as a hospital; and the St. Vrain Hospital, a converted house at 320 Bross St.," Mason wrote. "They were both overwhelmed. The Odd Fellows Lodge on Main Street was pressed into service as an emergency hospital."

After getting their shots Saturday, people sat in a room for a 15-minute waiting period. Conor O'Hanlon, an Odd Fellows member, said that in that very space in 1918, mask-clad nurses in white would have been bustling from hospital bed to hospital bed.

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O'Hanlon said in nonpandemic years the charity organization typically hosts a number of fundraisers to help local causes. "We do a lot of good work with the building, but by far, I think this is the best use of the building since 1918," O'Hanlon said. "This is an actual need in the community right now."

The Longmont Odd Fellows organized in 1877, with their then-new Main Street building opening in 1908 to accommodate the growing operation. Today, O'Hanlon said it has about 60 members. Through the clinic, Palazzolo learned about the lodge's historical connection to the 1918 pandemic. "It just makes the partnership that much more cool," Palazzolo said. "We could not have done this without them. They've been the most incredible and generous group of people that I have ever encountered." Suzanne Guidry sat in the waiting room Saturday after getting her second shot. Her eyes brimmed with happy tears when she reflected on the significance of the moment.

"I'm so happy," she said. "I feel like I got over a huge hump. My niece is friends with the owner's daughter. She told her mom to call me when she heard about (the clinic). It just means I can breathe. It's been such a specter hanging over my head." Just a few chairs down, Adam Kilmer, of Westminster, said he and his wife, who was fully vaccinated earlier, were already making plans. "We're going to see the zoo," Kilmer said. "It's very nice knowing we can be out and about without putting other people at risk."

For Cavallo, seeing people's reactions after getting their vaccine has been a reminder of the history unfolding, once again, within the building's walls.

"A lot of people are crying or dancing with joy — that's always cool," he said. "I've heard the pharmacy say this too, that the more we get people vaccinated, the more we can almost go back to normal one of these days."

The pharmacy and charity organization will host another clinic at the location Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Written by
Kelsey Hammon, Daily Times-Call, Newspaper
Longmont, Colo.



BIT OF HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2021 will occur on Sunday, May 9. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts. Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."

Come help us celebrate Mother's Day and see the new lodge building. St. Louis Lodger No. 5 will host a Mother's Day Dinner/Bingo for all the mothers young and older. Members are encouraged to bring a guest.

(NOTE)
Because of the pandemic, we must require our guests to have received their COVID-19 vaccinations and must wear a mask. This is not only protection for others, but for you.



Mother's Day Dinner

May 8, 2021
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Location: 350 North Valley Dell Dr.
Fenton, Mo. 63026

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

The Financial Secretary has requested that we remind the members, that Lodge Dues are due on January 1, 2021. Our annual dues are now \$50.00 a year. Members who fail to pay their dues will lose their membership benefits and will not be permitted to attend any lodge activities. (such as Picnic, Banquet etc. :) If you are having financial problems paying your dues, please contact Charles Whisenhunt for further information at **314-353-3542**.

PLEASE NOTE: It is also requested that if at any time you have any bills, or other financial transactions with the lodge. Please contact the Financial Secretary at approximately 9:00 am on Saturday so that he can give you the attention needed.



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WHAT RITUAL MEANS

Many members in many lodges fail to see or consider just what Odd Fellowship really is. They come to fellowship, eat a meal or play a game, attend a meeting, and then leave.

Degree work is out of the question, it's much too difficult. Officers are no longer instructed in their duties and carry their titles without much respect or meaning that the office deserves. Many lodges have strayed from the real meaning of Odd Fellowship that can be readily found in our Rituals. It is difficult to keep a lodge running when times are difficult, but if one is really dedicated to the principles of Odd Fellowship, a way will be found. Friendship, Love, and Truth are just a part of what we are and supposed to be.

Think it over.



AMERICAN IDIOMS

- She is a peach. = *She's sweet and helpful.*
- I'm in a pickle. = *I'm in a dilemma.*
- That's corny. = *It's sentimental, old, and not funny anymore.*
- He brings home the bacon. = *He brings home the family money.*
- She's in a stew. = *She's upset.*
- He's full of beans. = *He has lots of energy.*
- It's not my cup of tea. = *I don't care for that.*
- He's full of baloney. = *He doesn't know what he's talking about.*
- It's just sour grapes. = *They have resentment.*
- He's the top banana. = *He's the headman.*

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FAMOUS PROVERBS

A proverb is a saying that can be one or two lines long, which is generally known among the people.

- A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.** → A team or group is only as strong as its weakest member. If a person is not performing in a group, the whole group will suffer.
- A picture is worth a thousand words.** → A picture or photograph can often convey a message in a more empathetic way than just words.
- Absence makes the heart grow fonder.** → People have a tendency to think more often about someone who is away from them, making them feel fonder of the other person.
- Actions speak louder than words.** → Actually doing an action has more impact than simply speaking about it again and again.
- All good things must come to an end.** → No one can stay happy forever, eventually, some hurdle or event will temporarily or permanently end a good streak.
- Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.** → Everyone has a different perception of beauty and thus their definition of what can be considered beautiful also differs.
- Better late than never.** → It is better to arrive somewhere later than planned rather than to not arrive at all.
- Birds of a feather flock together.** → People with similar tastes often form a group for company or discussion.

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INITIATION AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

On April 10, 2021, St. Louis Lodge No 5 conducted an initiation degree and welcomed a new members to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Congratulations to

KURT WITZEL



Things are never quite as scary when you got a friend



Bowling Tournament

St. Louis Lodge No. 5 held another Bowling Tournament and the results are in. This was the first field trip for our members since the pandemic struck. We had 16 members and guests participate. Everyone had a good time and no one was injured during this tournament (except sore thumbs)

The lodge hopes to hold another tournament later this year and looks forward to having more members and guests join us. Below is the results of the tournament.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

JULIA BEARDON	944
ROBERT MAYER JR.	881
ROBERT MAYER SR.	880
STEVEN BUCHHOLZ	875
RODNEY KLEINE	850
CHAD BENSON	838
LARRY ENDICOTT	827
CHUCK BENSON	822
PAM WHISENHUNT	817
FRANCIS LAVAR	813
JAN LAVAR	808
RAY WHITE	808
ELAINE RAUHUT	802
GEORGIA ENDICOTT	789
CHARLES WHISENHUNT	774
BRUCE BOECKMANN	737

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