



Refreshments and Activities at Your Lodge

Because of Special Circumstances the lodge meetings times have been changed.

Until further notice all morning meetings will be at 10:00am.

Refreshments served at served at 9:30 A.M. unless otherwise noted

All menus are subject to change

May 2, 2020	<u>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</u> Refreshments: Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
May 9, 2020	<u>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</u> Refreshments: Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
May 16, 2020	<u>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</u> Refreshments: Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
May 23, 2020	<u>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</u> Refreshments: Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
May 30, 2020	<u>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</u> Refreshments: Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
June 6, 2020	<u>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</u> Refreshments: Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
June 13, 2020	<u>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</u> Refreshments: Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
June 20, 2020	<u>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</u> Refreshments: Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water





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MAY - JUNE 2020



DID YOU KNOW

Starting in the first week of May, 2020, the Triple Links Building is to be demolished and a new seven story building will be erected. With the building goes almost 100 years of our history.

The building was erected in 1914 as a department store. The front façade covers many windows in the front of the building. There was also another building on the now west parking lot. The Odd Fellows Association of St. Louis was formed in 1921, the same year the Odd Fellows purchased the Triple Links building.

At that time there were several lodges meeting at the building. In 1963, or there about, the building on the west side was purchased and torn down for a parking lot. The main building was then remodeled with a cost, in the 1960's, of \$260,000.00. The back portion of the building, including the caretaker's apartment, recreation room, small lodge hall was added and an air conditioning system installed. The building served the Odd Fellows well until the late 1980's. A new elevator jack, the lifting mechanism, had to be replaced by an edict from Missouri State.

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A Message From Our Noble Grand

Officers and Members

Greetings, I hope that this message finds you all as well as can be expected with everything that's been going on. Who would have thought this??

Everything is preceding with the work on the new location as well as moving out of our current building. We spent many years at 3765 Lindell Blvd.

We will communicate to all when the ban is lifted and where and when we will be meeting. With all that is going on, we still plan to have our annual picnic hopefully on August 23rd. More details will follow.

This will be something to look forward to reuniting with the Lodge members!.

In closing, you know what you need to do! Stay safe!

Peace and harmony prevailing
Francis LaVar
Noble Grand



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DID YOU KNOW

Cost was \$35,000.00 and only the stairs could be used for two-weeks. Then later there were problems with the air conditioning system due mostly to age. Normal but expensive repairs were made to tuck-pointing, floors, etc. Then the roof had to be replaced at a cost of \$75,000.00. The air conditioning system required replacing, the central unit was removed from the roof and installed on the parking lot. The cost of the new system was a staggering \$250,000.00 and as it turned out, also had many problems.

A few years ago, during an extreme cold spell, the pipes over the boiler burst and flooded the boiler causing a \$45,000.00 repair, we had to hold meetings in the basement for three weeks. In the meantime, the occupancy of the building declined as lodges either folded or moved out with only four lodges meeting in the building at present. The Association contacted a general contractor about remodeling the building. The bid came back at a cost of over \$500,000.00 as there are many problem areas, some remedial. The Association also looked at an operating cost of \$75,000.00 annually, then decided, with everything considered, it would be best to look for another building as the expense of staying at the present building could not be justified.

Our new building is in Fenton and is a single story. It has a large parking lot and will certainly be easier to maintain plus a lot less costly. It will not have a caretaker as there will be no need. The present caretaker, Sharon Vaughn, left at the end of March, so bear that in mind when using our present facilities. Remodeling the interior will soon be started after a lengthy delay a contract has now been let. It will most probably not be ready for us when we have to move (April 30, 2020) so arrangements will have to be made by tenants to meet elsewhere until it is. Please bear with us in the interim and all lodges will be kept informed.

Robert Mayer Sr.
Secretary

ATTENTION ALL MEMNBERS & WIDOWS

As you know St. Louis Lodge No. 5 normally holds its Annual Membership Picnic in June of each year. However, because of the **CORONAVIRUS** we have had to reschedule it. It has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, August 23, 2020. We will have to wait and see even then. We hope that, the problems our country is facing with the coronavirus will be over soon and our friends and family can once again come together and celebrate with each other. When and if there are any further changes we will try and keep the Members and Windows informed. The officers of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy. Hope to see you soon (God Bless)



Established in 1961, McDonald's Hamburger University was founded by Ray Kroc. The University was created to train McDonald's employees in the art of restaurant management. The 80 acre main campus located in Oak Brooke, Illinois, has 19 full time professors who are trained to teach in over 28 different languages.

Today, the University enrolls more than 5,000 students annually. Over 300,000 students and future restaurant managers have graduated from Hamburger University. And it's not as easy as you might think. According to a recent Bloomberg finding, Hamburger University is reportedly harder to get into than Harvard University.



Friendship, Love and Truth - (the joy of helping others)



A poor boy was selling goods from one door to another to pay for his studies. One day he found that he had only one dime left, and he was hungry. While approaching the next house, he decided to ask for a meal. But when a young woman has opened the door, he only dared to ask for a glass of water. She looked at him and understood that probably the boy is hungry. So she brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it and then asked how much he owed her. The woman replied: „You don't own me anything. Mother taught us never to accept pay for a kindness“. „Then I thank you from the bottom of my heart“, – he said and felt that now is stronger not only physically, but his faith in God has grown as well. The boy's name was Howard Kelly. Many years have passed. One day that woman became seriously ill. Local doctors could not help her. Therefore they sent her to a big city, where her rare disease would be studied by specialists. Dr Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation.

When he entered her room in the hospital, he immediately recognized the woman, that showed kindness to him, when he was poor. The doctor was determined to do his best to help her recover from her disease. The struggle was long, but together they managed to overcome her illness. After some time the woman received a bill for her treatment. She was worried that the amount to pay would be so significant, that it would take the rest of her life to pay for it. Finally, when the woman looked at the bill, she noticed words that were written on the side of the bill. The words were: „Paid in full with a glass of milk“.

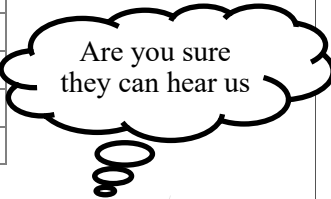
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

MAY

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

JUNE

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



Remember! The Financial Secretary has requested that we remind the members, that Lodge Dues was due on January 1, 2020. Our annual dues are \$40.00 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. (until further notice)

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING

2-22	Ray White	WINNER
2-29	John Bayer	WINNER
3/7	Ray White	WINNER
3-14	Walter Clifton	WINNER
3-21	Casey Liotta	WINNER
3-28	Casey Liotta	WINNER
4-4	Tom Moser	WINNER
4-11	Robert Mayer Sr.	WINNER
4-18		WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

Marion Briggs.....314-773-4421
Ervin Drewing.....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
 Frances X. LaVar.....314-607-6380
Vice Grand.
 Thomas Moser.....314-478-6045
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 Members Information

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 St. Louis, Mo. 63125
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 Afton Mo. 63123
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Michael Moran
 8605 Brinaer
 Afton Mo. 63123
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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.
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 St. Louis, Mo. 63116



7 Ways You Can Help Others During the Coronavirus Crisis

By [Katie Holdefehr](#) March 19, 2020

As COVID-19 continues to spread across the country and world, many of us are feeling some stress and a sense of helplessness about the situation. But one of the favorite coping mechanisms is to remember that there are still ways we can help one another during these uncertain times. As we know by now, the best way to help slow down the spread of the virus or "flatten the curve" is to stay home and practice social distancing as much as possible. While it may not feel like sitting on our sofas, washing hands, and disinfecting is a heroic act, it's the best way to protect ourselves and those who are most vulnerable in our communities right now. Looking for another way to help out? Check out the seven ideas below, most which don't require leaving the house at all.

1. Donate to pantries

As you're stocking up on pasta, frozen veggies, and endless rolls of toilet paper, consider those who either can't afford to buy lots of groceries all at once or who are physically unable to go to the store. Now's a great time to donate supplies or money to food pantries. If you'd prefer to donate to your local food bank, give them a quick call first (or check their website) to see if it's better to donate money or supplies. So if you're interested, give them a call.

2. Help family members or neighbors get supplies

Reach out to family members or neighbors who may need help getting necessary supplies. As we all stay closer to home in the coming weeks, it's a great time to connect with our neighbors and support our hyper-local community.

3. Stay in touch with vulnerable friends and family

Even though we can't physically be together right now, it's more important than ever to stay connected to family and friends to reduce stress and offer emotional support. Call, FaceTime, email, or even send snail mail, particularly to those who may need it most, such as seniors, children and teens, health care providers, and those with mental health conditions. And especially as nursing homes and jails restrict visitors, consider other ways to keep in touch. As everyone is encouraged to stay home, experts say there could be an increase in domestic abuse, which is also known to increase during times of financial hardship.

4. Donate Blood

If you are healthy, eligible to donate blood, and feel you can get to a blood center safely, consider donating blood.

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5. Help support health care workers

Frontline health care workers have been reporting a shortage of protective supplies and diagnostic tests at many hospitals. Consider donating to the World Health Organization's (Covid-19) Solidarity Response Fund, which was set up to help supply countries around the world with supplies and tests.

6. Get involved (from afar)

As we've all seen, both local and national governments play a large and important role in how this crisis has been handled. To make sure your voice is heard, check your voter registration status at Vote.org. If you're planning to vote in an upcoming primary election, consider requesting an absentee ballot so you can vote from home. care.

7. Support local and small business

As restaurants, bars, and stores close in an attempt to help stop the spread of COVID-19, there are ways to continue to support the local business you care about. Things like buying gift cards to use later or purchasing merchandise online can help keep these businesses afloat and their employees paid. If you have the means to do so, also consider continuing to pay hairstylists, manicurists, tutors, house cleaners, and other service industry workers who you regularly hire.



Odd Fellows believe that life is a commitment to improve and elevate the character of mankind through service and example. Our legacy has been 200 years of helping each other and others without seeking anything in return. Odd Fellows are aware of the vanity of earthly things, the frailty and inevitable decay of human life and the fact that wealth has no power to stop the sureness of eventual death. The following Vaediction is repeated in lodge at every meeting to remind the members of our commitment

Odd Fellows Vaediction

I AM AN ODD FELLOW

I believe in the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man; I believe in **Friendship, Love and Truth** as basic guides to the ultimate destiny of all mankind. I believe my home, my church or temple, my lodge, and my community deserve my best work, my modest pride, my earnest faith, and my deepest loyalty, as I perform my duty "to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan" and as I work with others to build a better world because in spirit and in truth, I am, and must always be, grateful to my Creator, faithful to my Country, and fraternal to my fellow man;

I AM AN ODD FELLOW!



One person can make a difference

An 11-year-old Hannah Thompson of Australia was swimming with her friends in Margaret Bay in Northern Queensland when she was bitten on the arm by a crocodile. The ten foot long creature immediately pulled her under.

Ray Turner a 57 year old was in a small boat nearby when he heard the screams and saw the crocodile. He quickly dove off the boat straight on to the crocodile back. Turner a former crocodile hunter, so he knew what to do next--he stuck his fingers in the animals eyes, and the 500 pound crocodile immediately let go of the girl and fled. "Not many people know to go for their eyes", Turner later told reporters, "but that's what you have to do". Hannah was airlifted to a hospital with deep puncture wounds in her arm, but was soon reported to be in stable condition. Turner said the 11-year old was incredibly calm and brave during and after the incident. "She even made a joke about losing her watch", "she said. The watch alarm's is set for 5 o'clock if you want to go after that crocodile.



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES



NEW DATES for 2020

Suspended because of
Coronavirus



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.

Because of the Coronavirus and for the safety of the children and their families we have decided to suspend going to Ronald McDonald House until it is safe to resume. We will still provide Assistance, but with the help of their staff.



THE VALUE OF ONE ODD FELLOW MEMBER

Ten ODD FELLOW MEMBERS standing in a line. One disliked the Noble Grand, and then there were nine.

Nine ambitious MEMBERS offered to work late. One forgot his promise, and then there were eight.

Eight creative MEMBERS had ideas well as heaven, one lost enthusiasm, and then there were seven.

Seven loyal MEMBERS got into a fix. They quarreled over programs, and then there were six.

Six MEMBERS remained with spirit and drive. One moved away, and then there were five.

Five steadfast MEMBERS wished there were more. One became indifferent then there were four.

Four cheerful MEMBERS who never disagree - - - 'til one complained of meetings; then there were three.

Three eager MEMBERS! What do they do? One got discouraged then there were two.

Two lonely MEMBERS, our rhyme is nearly done. One joined a bowling league, and then there was one.

One faithful MEMBER was feeling rather blue..... Met with a schoolmate, and then there were two.

Two earnest MEMBERS each enrolled one more.... Doubling their number, and then there were four.

Four determined MEMBERS just couldn't wait... 'til each signed up another, and then there were eight!

Eight excited MEMBERS signed up 16 more. In another six verses, there'll be a thousand twenty-four!!

IT TAKES ONE TO GET ONE. (Adapted from anonymous poem)



New Lodge Pin



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

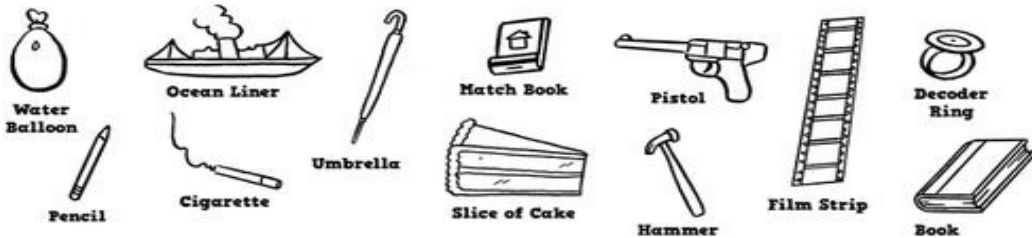
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Can you find it?



Oh no! New York City is over-run with spies! But how are Evelyn and Tony supposed to find the spies when everyone looks so suspicious? Even that dog looks shifty! Luckily, there are clues scattered throughout the city that will help them put that Nazi-dog in the pound where he belongs!

Help them find the the following clues hidden in the picture above:



Interesting



Pee on the electric fence they said...
It will be fun they said...

