



### 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.

October 23, 2021	<b>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</b> Refreshments – Fish & Chips with French Fires Soda, Coffee and Water
October 30, 2021	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00am</b> Refreshments – Donuts/Danish & Bagels Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
November 6, 2021	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00am</b> Refreshments – Donuts/Danish & Bagels Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
November 13, 2021	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00am</b> Refreshments – Donuts/Danish & Bagels Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
November 20, 2021	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00am</b> Refreshments – Bagel & Danish Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
November 27, 2021	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00am</b> Refreshments – Bagel & Danish Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
December 4, 2021 Past Grand Night	<b>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</b> Refreshments– Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans,& Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
December 11, 2021	<b>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</b> Refreshments – Cold Cuts & Chips Bread, Desert, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
December 18, 2021	<b>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</b> Refreshments– Cold Cuts Sandwiches with Potato Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water





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NOVEMBER — DECEMBER



### HELPING OTHERS

One of the most remarkable articles on giving I've ever read came from an unlikely source. Horror Novelist Stephen King. No one would accuse King of being a Christian, and certainly not a syrupy idealist. But he makes a passionate and perceptive secularist/hedonist argument for giving.

Though he fails the test of eternal perspective, King intuitively recognizes not only that giving is right, but that it's smart. He doesn't understand that the glory of God, the good of others, and the giver's eternal rewards are all higher reasons to give. But even bereft of a biblical worldview, the author recognizes that giving packs a transcendent purpose and pleasure here and now.

King has a more accurate view of giving than many Christians: A couple of years ago I found out what "you can't take it with you" means. I found out while I was lying in a ditch at the side of a country road, covered with mud and blood and with the tibia of my right leg poking out the side of my jeans like a branch of a tree taken down in a thunderstorm.

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**Thomas J. Moser**

### A Message From Our Noble Grand Officers and Members Greetings everyone!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. As we enter the fall season we have a lot of activity, unfortunately none of it is degree work. We start off the month of November with work beginning on our parking lot. That work will take from 2 to 3 weeks if the weather cooperates. With this in mind we will have to hold our meetings somewhere else. These meetings will be morning meetings probably at the Five Star Senior Center again. If not there we have an option of Rose Hill Masonic Temple. We will keep you posted on this matter. This may make our Thanksgiving dinner a little different as we may need to have it elsewhere. Our hope is that we can have it at Genesis Banquet Center..

Then we have Past Grands night. That night is Lodge #5 members only. We will have our elections and steak dinner. We no longer vote for the Grand Lodge Officers as that is done during the Grand Lodge Session. Onward we go with the children's Christmas Party which this year will be held in our own building and we hope to have a large amount of children. The following week we will have the adult Christmas party so mark your calendars.

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I had a MasterCard in my wallet, but when you're lying in a ditch with broken glass in your hair, no one accepts MasterCard.

We come in naked and broke. We may be dressed when we go out, but we're just as broke. Warren Buffet? Going to go out broke. Bill Gates? Going out broke. Tom Hanks? Going out broke. Steve King? Broke. Not a crying dime. All the money you earn, all the stocks you buy, all the mutual funds you trade—all of that is mostly smoke and mirrors. It's still going to be a quarter-past getting late whether you tell the time on a Timex or a Rolex....

So I want you to consider making your life one long gift to others. And why not? All you have is on loan, anyway. All that lasts is what you pass on.... Now imagine a nice little backyard, surrounded by a board fence. Dad—a pleasant fellow, a little plump—is tending the barbecue. Mom and the kids are setting the picnic table: fried chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, a chocolate cake for dessert. And standing around the fence, looking in, are emaciated men and women, starving children. They are silent. They only watch. That family at the picnic is us; that backyard is America, and those hungry people on the other side of the fence, watching us sit down to eat, include far too much of the rest of the world: Asia and the subcontinent; countries in Central Europe, where people live on the edge from one harvest to the next; South America, where they're burning down the rain forests; and most of all, Africa, where AIDS is pandemic and starvation is a fact of life.

It's not a pretty picture, but we have the power to help, the power to change. And why should we refuse? Because we're going to take it with us? Please. Giving isn't about the receiver or the gift but the giver. It's for the giver. One doesn't open one's wallet to improve the world, although it's nice when that happens; one does it to improve one's self....

A life of giving—not just money, but time and spirit—repays. It helps us remember that we may be going out broke, but right now we're doing O.K. Right now we have the power to do great good for others and for ourselves.

So I ask you to begin giving, and to continue as you begin. I think you'll find in the end that you got far more than you ever had, and did more good than you ever dreamed.

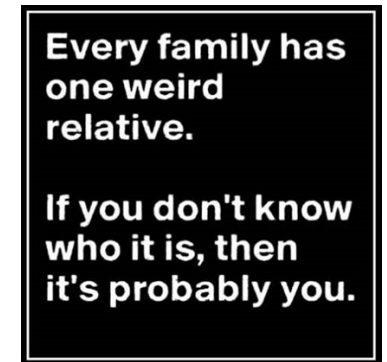
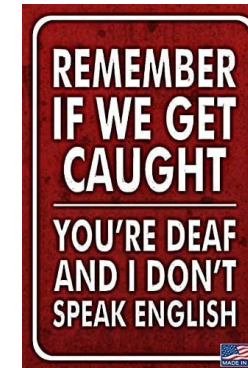
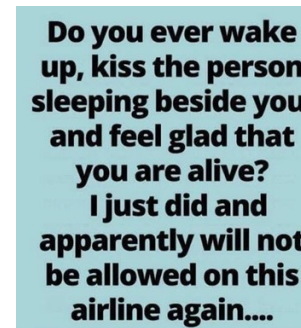
Story by  
Stephen King  
Novelist

**Remember Odd Fellows Objective is  
To Improve and Elevate the Character of Mankind**

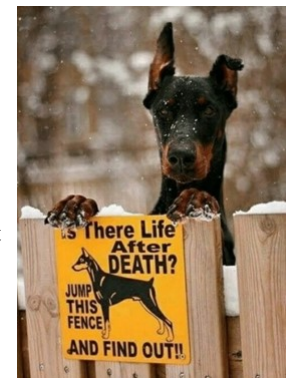
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I always hear that we have nothing for our young members. That is not true. They say we come to meetings do the same thing all the time. It is true that the meetings are for the most part short and repetitive, but that is what keeps our organization organized. If we only had meetings when there was an activity how would we get that activity worked out. Also, we have our ritual for initiating new members. If our young members would learn this ritual they would be helping our new members understand our tenets. How have we sent the message to them that we should have something for them. In every organization the members only get out of what they put in. So, you younger members are very important to us. You are the ones that will keep this Lodge alive in the future, so please come to the meetings and help us to move forward.

Best wishes to all  
Thomas J. Moser  
Noble Grand



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 us out, website is at [www.ioof-stl.org](http://www.ioof-stl.org)



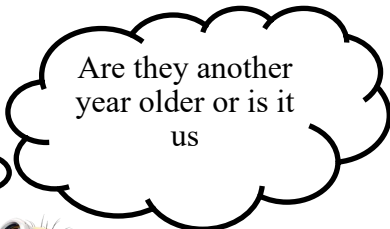
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS**

**NOVEMBER**

Robert Mayer Jr.	9
Matthew Coriell	9
Robert Mayer Sr.	11
Joe Disper	12
Dennis Fetter	14
William Mathis	18
Louis Monken	18
Zachary Rogers	20
Ralph Beuc	20
Michael Black	22
Daren Presley	22
Brian Young	26
Eugene Davidson	29

**DECEMBER**

Eugene Burnett	1
Richard Aguilar	7
James Cauchon	9
Cameron Wicks	10
Michael Barcus	12
Stephen Carr Jr.	16
John Dempsey Jr.	19
Bradford Glielorst	24
Raymond Westhouse	26
Chris Jones	28
John Singer	30
Joshua Mayer	31
Luther McClellan	31



**Happy Birthday  
To My Bestest Friend**



**MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING**

8/28/21		WINNER
9/4/21		WINNER
9/11/21		WINNER
9/18/21		WINNER
9/25/21		WINNER
10/2/21		WINNER
10/9/21		WINNER
10/16/21		WINNER

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

**Sick and Shut-ins**

**Marion Briggs.....314-773-4421**

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**



**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



**Richard Roesch,  
President of Odd Fellows Home Association  
Letter to Members**

Brothers and Sisters, when we moved into our new building last November, we knew that there would be a time when the parking lot would have to be repaired. There were several spots in the surface that had started to crumble. There was a drainage problem in the front of the building, so much so that some members referred to it as Lake Odd Fellows. The parking lot is not small, it contains 61 parking spaces and there are nine spaces that belong exclusively to Enterprise Leasing, next door per the deed to the building.

Weather permitting, on November 1, 2021 work is to start repairing the parking lot. A new sewer system will be put in running from the front of the building to the creek behind us. A new surface will be put down, not just a skim and seal, but a completely new surface. New striping, new curbs and wider parking spaces will be put down. All of this is to take two to three weeks, weather permitting.

When the work starts no one will be able to go in or out of the building until it's completed. There will be no trash pick-up, janitorial service, and the new pool table delivery has been pushed off until the first week in December. That means we will most probably have to meet at another location. As of right now it will most probably be at the 5 Star Senior Center on Arsenal, where we met while the building was under construction. November is currently slated to be morning meetings.

Please bear with us while this is being done so we can all meet again in the future safely.

Richard A. Roesch  
President  
Odd Fellows Home Association Of St. Louis



# Things to think about

- Don't be worried about your smartphone or TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years. (*not that funny*)
- 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.
- I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.
- I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.
- My goal for 2021 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 16 to go.
- I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
- I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food supply in 3 hours and 20 minutes.
- A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
- Senility has been a smooth transition for me.
- I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented ... I forgot where I was going with this. (This is so typically me!)
- I love approaching 80, I learn something new every day and forget 5 other things.
- A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money, so I got up and searched with him.
- Just remember; once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.
- Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.
- It's weird being the same age as old people.
- Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter either.
- It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.
- Marriage Counselor: Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true? Me: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.
- 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!



St. Louis Lodge No. 5 will be holding their annual **Thanksgiving Dinner** at the Rose Hill Masonic Center in Creve Coeur, Mo. Because of parking lot construction during the month of November, we have had to move our dinner to the above location. Members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest. Turkey and all the fixing's will be served. Any additional changes will be shared as we get closer to the date.

# ATTENTION MEMBERS

Effective **November 1, 2021**, our Lodge Building located at 350 North Valley Dell Dr. Fenton, Mo. will be closed beginning November 1, 2021 due to construction, the parking lot is being upgraded (weather permitting). During month of November we will have Morning Meetings at the 5 Star Adult Center, located at 2832 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Mo. 63118. Morning meetings will begin at 10:00 am. Plenty of parking space available. Please join us.



2832 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Mo. 63118.



Parking lot across from 5 Star Adult Center



# THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

**The Financial Secretary** wishes to remind the members, that Lodge Dues are due on January 1, 2022. 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.





# Annual Picnic

Finally on Sunday, September 26, 2021 St. Louis Lodge No. 5 held it's annual picnic at Lemay Park, St. Louis, Mo. The weather was great, food was good and the picnic was Excellent. A big thank you to Pam Whisenhunt and Vice Grand Jeffrey Parrotte for their hard work in putting it all together. Hope to see all next year...



# Upcoming Activities

We are hoping that our new parking lot will be finished in time that we can hold some very special events in the month of December. We have been told that if possible we will have a visit from that Jolly old fellow who we believe is a really an Old Odd Fellow.

In the event that our parking lot is not done in time, we hope to acquire another location so that we can hold those special activities such as;

*Adult Christmas Party*

*Children's Christmas Party*

*Past Grand Night*



### WATCH YOUR MAIL

We will notify the membership as soon as we confirm the time and location.



### Special Notice

On behalf of the Officer's and members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5, (*Independ Order of Odd Fellows*) we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Safe & Happy New Year.

Happy Hanukkah, and all the others that I can't remember their names.