

| 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 menu's are subject to change | |
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| November 3, 2018 | <u>Initiatory Degree 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water |
| November 10, 2018 | <u>Regular Meeting 7:30 pm</u> Refreshments – Sloppy Joes with Shoestring Potatoes Crackers, Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water |
| November 17, 2018 <i>(Thanksgiving Dinner)</i> | <u>Regular Meeting 7:30 pm</u> Refreshments – Turkey with Dressing, Green Beans, Mash Potatoes with Gravy, Pies for dessert Corn, Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water <i>Family Nite</i> |
| November 24, 2018 | <u>Morning Meeting 9:00am</u> Refreshments –Bagels & Danish Juice, Milk, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water |
| December 1, 2018 <i>(Election Nite)</i> | <i>Past Grand Nite</i> <u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Steak, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water <i>Members only</i> |
| December 8, 2018 | <u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Sandwiches with Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water |
| December 15, 2018 <i>(Adult Christmas Dinner)</i> | <u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments –Open Face Roast Pork, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water |
| December 22, 2018 | <u>Morning Meeting 9:00am</u> Refreshments –Bagels & Donuts Juice, Milk, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water |





LINK-N-LINES

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November - December 2018



HARRY TRUMAN

Harry Truman was a different kind of President. He probably made as many, or more important decisions regarding our nation's history as any of the other 32 Presidents preceding him. However, a measure of his greatness may rest on what he did after he left the White House.

The only asset he had when he died was the house he lived in, which was in Independence, Missouri. His wife had inherited the house from her mother and father and other than their years in the White House, they lived their entire lives there.

When he retired from office in 1952 his income was a U.S. Army pension reported to have been \$13,507.72 a year. Congress, noting that he was paying for his stamps and personally licking them, granted him an 'allowance' and later, a retroactive pension of \$25,000 per year.

After President Eisenhower was inaugurated, Harry and Bess drove home to Missouri by themselves. There was no Secret Service following them.

When offered corporate positions at large salaries, he declined, stating, "You don't want me. You want the office of the President, and that doesn't belong to me.. It belongs to the American people and it's not for sale."

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A Message From Our Noble Grand

Officers and Members
Greetings,

More and more each year, it seems that once we pass Halloween, the remainder of the year just seems to fly by. One of the primary reasons for this is the fact that these fall and winter months are just so darn busy. Our Odd Fellows lodge is no different, since our final Safety Coffee Break of the year on Labor Day, lodge activities have picked up considerably. Planning is well underway for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Past Grands Night, and the Children's and Adult Christmas events. Also, the annual charitable donations, so important to our lodge, are made toward the end of the year.

One of the ongoing challenges of any organization is retaining membership and participation. St. Louis Lodge #5 has a history of healthy membership numbers, however we are not immune to the social and other trends which present challenges to our order. Fraternal organizations such as ours are not the only entities facing obstacles. Churches, schools, and other types of gathering places are facing the challenges of holding on to enough participants to keep their very existence viable.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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|--------------------|----|
| Eugene Burnett | 1 |
| Gerhard Hentschke | 2 |
| Michael Herman | 6 |
| Richard Aguilar | 7 |
| James Cauchon | 9 |
| Stephen Carr Jr. | 16 |
| John Dempsey Jr. | 19 |
| Bradford Gliedorst | 24 |
| Raymond Westhouse | 26 |
| Chris Jones | 28 |
| Samuel Wilk | 29 |
| John Singer | 30 |
| Joshua Mayer | 31 |
| Luther McClellan | 31 |



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

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| 9/1 | Craig Skinner | WINNER |
| 9/8 | Francis LaVar | WINNER |
| 9/15 | Casey Liotta | WINNER |
| 9/22 | Sam Wilk | WINNER |
| 9/29 | Robert Mayer Sr. | WINNER |
| 10/6 | Kenneth Rogers | WINNER |
| 10/13 | Casey Liotta | WINNER |
| 10/20 | Mike Campbell | WINNER |

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

Sick and Shut-ins

Erv Drowing.....314-865-3894
William B. Stephenson Jr314-342-1436
Marion Briggs.....314-773-4421
Ernest Rodgers.....636-282-0643

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 Members



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

Truman (continued from page one)

Even later, on May 6, 1971, when Congress was preparing to award him the Medal of Honor on his 87th birthday, he refused to accept it, writing, "I don't consider that I have done anything which should be the reason for any award, Congressional or otherwise." As president he paid for all of his own travel expenses and food.

Modern politicians have found a new level of success in cashing in on the Presidency, resulting in untold wealth. Today, too many in Congress also have found a way to become quite wealthy while enjoying the fruits of their offices. Political offices are now for sale

Good old Harry Truman was correct when he observed, "My choices in life were either to be a piano player in a whore house or a politician. And to tell the truth, there's hardly any difference! We ought to have cloned him for telling it like it is and being frugal with our tax dollars!

Hunting Season Surprise

This actually happened..... They tied the guy down on the roof. The driver and passengers put on moose heads. Then they went down road I-35.... causing 16 accidents. Yes; they went to jail.. Yes; alcohol was involved... Yes; men cannot be left alone.



For you hunters out there Hunting Season is upon us, so when and if you head to the woods be careful for you never know when something will happen.



A place of honor



United States Navy Flag



The Department of the Navy Seal, created in 1957, was to serve as the main feature of the official United States Navy flag. Ships of the earliest period in our Nation's naval history wore a variety of flags, including the striped Grand Union, and those bearing a pine tree or rattlesnake. However, these various banners may be considered steps in the genesis of the national ensign, the "Stars and Stripes," rather than forebears of a specific flag for the Navy. Toward the end of the nineteenth century the Infantry Battalion flag was

introduced for use by naval landing forces. This was a blue flag with a white diamond shaped device in the center and a blue fowl anchor superimposed on the diamond. For more than sixty years, the Infantry Battalion flag served as the unofficial Navy flag in drill formations and parades and at other ceremonies. An official Navy flag, truly representative of the Navy's operating forces at sea, was authorized by Presidential order on April 24th, 1959.

The flag for the United States Navy is made of dark blue material. In the center of the flag is the seal of the Department of the Navy, with the exception that a continuation of the sea has been substituted for the land area, within a circular yellow rope edging. Below the seal is a yellow scroll inscribed with "United States Navy," in dark blue letters. The Navy Seal is depicted on a circular background of fair sky and moderate sea with a three-masted, square-rigged ship underway before a fair breeze and with after topsail furled. A commission pennant is atop the foremast, the National Ensign atop the main, and the commodore's flag atop the mizzen. In front of the ship is a Luce-type anchor, inclined slightly in front of the shank and in back of the dexter fluke. Our national symbol of strength, an American bald eagle, is depicted rising to sinister regarding to dexter, one foot resting on the anchor near the shank. Unlike the national ensign, commission pennant, union jack, and admiral's broad pennant which fly from gaff, mast, or staff on board naval vessels, the flag of the United States Navy is reserved for display purposes and is carried by an honor guard on ceremonial occasions.

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



There seems to be a recent but continuing trend of people in general abandoning the formality of structured institutions. Our lodge has recently discussed the issue of stagnant membership. This is not the first time that we have faced this challenge. So far our lodge has always seemed to outlast these occasional lulls, and indeed has usually rebounded with the addition of new members. Remember, one of the unwritten obligations of lodge membership is to solicit new and fresh members. If you have an acquaintance, friend, or relative who you suspect may be open to the possibility of becoming an Odd Fellow, do not hesitate, ask them if they are interested. Explain the many benefits of lodge membership. On this same general topic, also keep in mind that week to week, meeting to meeting, it is vital that we have a consistent core of members who attend our weekly gatherings. Regardless of the requirements of a particular meeting, the more members in attendance, the better. It is so much more practical to have the luxury of healthy weekly attendance than needing to find short-cuts to accomplish the aims of a particular meeting. Organizations are notorious for having the same small group of members do the bulk of the work, let's all make it a goal to make our lodge the exception to this rule.

Finally, this does not necessarily need to be an all or nothing effort on your part. If you are able to attend some but not all meetings, by all means do so. If you are able to attend meetings only very sporadically, again, by all means do so. When you are able to attend, your ability to contribute to the requirements of that particular meeting will be well utilized, and very much appreciated by your fellow members. Again, a larger pool of attendees on a weekly basis affords the lodge the ability to ensure that things get done. Please take this to heart for the good of our lodge, our members, and yourself!

Lee Rauhut



The Pillsbury Doughboy



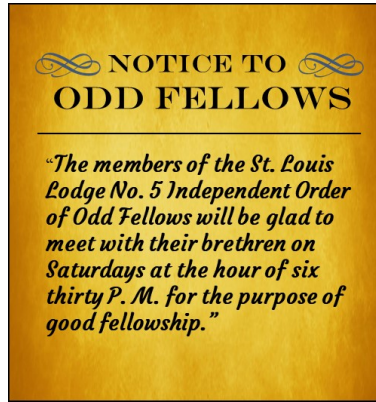
Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 75. Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The gravesite was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Born and bread in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions. Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.



200 YEARS OF ODD FELLOWSHIP

April 26, 2019 will mark the 200th year of Thomas Willey Odd Fellowship, the founder of Odd Fellows in North America. There promises to be a coin and pin in celebration that will be available from Sovereign Grand Lodge. More details as we move closer to that date.



THE NAME "ODD FELLOWS"

IT IS A COMMON BELIEF THAT THE FIRST ODD FELLOWS WERE A MIXED-GUILD OF JOURNEYMEN BELONGING TO DIFFERENT TRADES. COMMONLY, GUILDS IN THE MIDDLE AGES WERE COMPOSED OF WORKERS FROM THE SAME PROFESSION OR CRAFT SUCH AS MASONS, GARDENERS, CABINET-MAKERS, AND SO ON. IN SMALLER TOWNS AND VILLAGES, HOWEVER, THERE WERE TOO FEW PEOPLE PRACTICING THE SAME TRADE. SO, A GROUP OF "FELLOWS" FROM A MIXTURE OF TRADES - SUCH AS TINKERS, SMITHS, TAILORS, DYERS, BAKERS, MERCHANTS AND WHAT-NOT WORKERS - JOINED FORCES TO FORM A BROTHERHOOD FROM AN "ODD" COLLECTION OF WORKERS. TOGETHER, THEY WOULD HELP EACH OTHER, THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IN TIMES OF NEED WHICH WAS ALSO CONSIDERED "ODD" AT THAT TIME. HENCE, THE NAME "ODD FELLOWS".



REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES

This is a reminder for the members it is time to pay your Lodge Dues. **It's important** to remember that your dues must be paid no later than December 31, 2018. Our annual dues are \$40.00 a year. Members who fail to pay their dues 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.



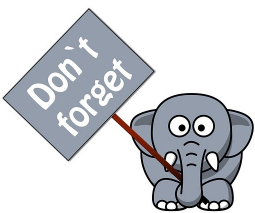
RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Well another year is almost over and again St. Louis Lodge No. 5 has provided 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.

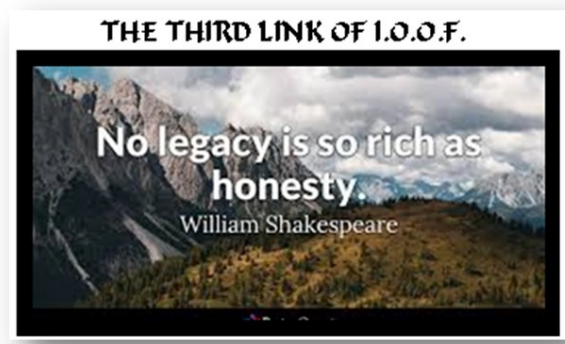


Thank you Brother Gio Mangiore for your time and leadership to make ensure that this important program is accomplished. Gio not only coordinates the dates for St. Louis lodge No. 5 to provide meals, but most of the time is the cook and dishwasher. So if you are interested in volunteering, contact Brother Gio for further information.



IMPORTANT DATES

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| November 3, 2018 | Initiatory Degree |
| November 17, 2018 | Thanksgiving Dinner (Trivia Night) |
| December 1, 2018 | Past Grand Night (Members only) |
| December 8, 2018 | Children's Christmas Party (Saturday Morning) Webster Groves Masonic Lodge |
| December 15, 2018 | Members/Guests Christmas Dinner Bingo and Charities Presentations |





On November 6th of this year, we hope you will pause to express your deep gratitude and sincere appreciation to our Veterans for their brave and selfless service to our country. St. Louis Lodge No. 5 Officers and Members wish to offer their heartfelt thanks to every veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Thank you for answering the call of duty; thank you for your gallant courage; and thank you for the extraordinary sacrifices you and your families have made on our behalf in the name of freedom, liberty, and peace. **The Price of freedom is eternal Vigilance.**

To all **VETERANS**, below is a list of information that maybe of assistance to you or your family. In the event you need additional assistance please go to <https://www.va.gov/> or <https://mvc.dps.mo.gov/>

Military Records Request

National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, Mo. 63138
Phone: 314-801-0800
<https://www.archives.gov/st-louis>

The National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records (NPRC-MPR) holds the military personnel, health, & medical records of all discharged and deceased Veterans during the 20th century. NPRC-MPR also stores medical records of retirees from all services, as well records for dependent and other persons treated at naval medical facilities. Information from the records is made available upon

TRICARE REGIONAL OFFICES

The TRICARE Regional Offices (TROs) manage and oversee an integrated health care delivery system in the three U.S. TRICARE regions. In most cases, you'll call your regional contractor first:

Tricare East 1-800-444-5445
Tricare West 1-844-868-9378

IMPORTANT, For you veterans that utilize the military Tricare Health Insurance. A change is coming and you need to check it out. Effective December 31, 2018 the Defense Health Agency's TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will end. Don't worry! You can enroll in dental coverage for next year under the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). Retired uniformed service members and their families who were eligible for TRDP will be eligible for FEDVIP dental coverage, effective January 1, 2019. For more information go to <https://tricare.com/>

AAFES Opens Online Shopping to Veterans. To begin shopping go To ShopMyExchange.com

All honorably discharged veterans interested in shopping online at the military exchanges can begin their verification process immediately, To verify your service you must go through the verification service located online at Verify.org. This process is short and easy.

St. Louis Lodge No. 5 (IOOF)

**CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

SHOW, TREATS & VISIT WITH SANTA

Saturday December 8, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.

Webster Groves Masonic Lodge
12 E Lockwood Ave. , Webster Groves, MO 63119



*Annual Member's
Christmas Dinner*

**Saturday, December 15, 2018
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.**

Charities Presentations with Bingo

