



## 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.

<b>August 28, 2021</b>	<b><u>Initiatory Degree 7:00pm</u></b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad Soda, Coffee and Water
<b>September 4, 2021</b>	<b><u>Morning Meeting 10:00am</u></b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Eggs, Bacon, Sausage & Waffles Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
<b>September 11, 2021</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</u></b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Sloppy Joes, with Potato Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
<b>September 18, 2021</b>	<b><u>1st Degree 7:00pm</u></b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Beef & Noodles, Mixed Vegetable, Salad, Italian Bread, Desert, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
<b>September 25, 2021</b>	<b><u>Morning Meeting 10:00am</u></b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Bagel & Danish Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
<b>September 25, 2021</b> <b>PICNIC TIME</b>	<b><u>Annual Lodge Picnic 9:00am</u></b> <b>Sunday</b> , at Lemay Park at 236 Fannie Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 63125
<b>October 2, 2021</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</u></b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, & Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
<b>October 9, 2021</b>	<b><u>2nd Degree 7:00pm</u></b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Polish Sausage, German Potato Salad, Chips Bread, Desert, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
<b>October 16, 2021</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</u></b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Cold Cuts with Potato Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water





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SEPTEMBER— OCTOBER



### Learn All About the History of Labor Day with These Fun Facts

Like Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, Labor Day is a summer holiday associated with backyard barbecues, pool parties, parades, and other warm weather fun. Of course, it also signals the end of the season and the beginning of awesome autumnal activities like tailgating, visiting pumpkin patches and planting a fall garden. But Labor Day is important for more than ushering summer out, even if—let's be honest, now—most of us can't recall how or when the holiday got started, or even what it's about, exactly. Chances are you know it has something to do with working, if just because of the name. But as it turns out, Labor Day has a long, fascinating, and even violent history, dating all the way back to the late 19th century.

From the terrible working conditions that birthed the labor movement, to the massive strike that led to Congress declaring the first Monday in September a legal holiday, the events surrounding Labor Day contributed to one of the most turbulent times in American history. We've included plenty of facts about those

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**Thomas J. Moser**

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

Summer is nearly over and I for one am looking forward to cooler fall weather. Our picnic this year has been moved to September this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions earlier this year. September 26 is the date of the picnic this year and we should have cooler weather. Our children's Christmas Party this year will be held at our new building. With plenty of available parking, we have the option of not having to depend on outside venues and allows us flexibility. The date of the party is December 11, so mark your calendars. So far this year I don't believe we have had to cancel any degree work due to no candidates and I hope this continues. However, our membership is down under 200 and we need to do some growing.

Our lodge donates a lot of money each year to local charities and scholarships and to continue this practice we need to be able to have enough capable leadership to extend our program 10, 20 or 30 years into the future. We are fortunate enough to have some younger (not necessarily young) members being active, but I don't know if we could ever have too many. The best way to attract new members is to be active and attend meetings. If you do not attend, your friends or family members might be thinking, why should I join if you do not attend. We would love to see you at our meetings and if you need a ride, call me and I will get you a ride.

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We've included plenty of facts about those difficult days, as well as explored other, breezier topics, including whether it really is bad form to wear white after the holiday. Then, after you've schooled yourself on all there is to know about Labor Day, read up on the best ways to celebrate it with Labor Day Activities to Soak Up the Last Moments of Summer.

### **The Good Old Days Weren't All Good**

Labor Day, which celebrates American employees and their achievements, was born out of the struggle to rectify poor working conditions. The Industrial Revolution, which ushered in the age of manufacturing, had brought with it 12- to 16-hour work days, seven days a week, in often unsafe and unsanitary circumstances. Soon, protests against these conditions were popping up all over the country.

### **We Love a Parade**

By the late 1800s, laborers had founded unions from coast to coast to help in the fight for better working conditions. On September 5, 1882, some 10,000 New York union members gave up a day's pay to march together from City Hall to Union Square. It was the first parade supporting workers in American history.

### **Jumping on the Bandwagon**

Surprisingly, New York wasn't the first state to pass legislation recognizing Labor Day. That honor goes to Oregon, which created a holiday around it on February 21, 1887. Come the end of the year, New York had followed suit, along with Colorado, Massachusetts and New Jersey. By 1894, 23 more states had established a Labor Day holiday.

### **Tragedy and Triumph**

Still, it wasn't until the May 1894 strike by employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company and the subsequent deadly violence related to it that President Grover Cleveland suggested making Labor Day a national holiday. On June 28, 1894, as a way of mending fences with workers, he signed an act marking the first Monday in September as Labor Day.

### **Who Done It?**

While President Cleveland signed the legislation that made Labor Day a nationally-recognized holiday, he isn't the **person who first proposed it**. That distinction belongs to one of two people. Peter McGuire, who co-founded the American Federation of Labor, is generally credited with suggesting a holiday for American workers in 1882. However, the similarly named Matthew Maguire is believed by some historians to have had the same idea earlier that year, while serving as Central Labor Union secretary.

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The 2021 Banquet is now history and this year's edition was another success. The meal was very good and the program was also. The date for the 2022 Banquet is August 20, so mark your calendars. It will again be held at Genesis.

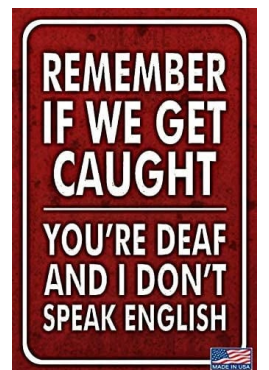
Unfortunately we had to cancel all of our Safety Coffee Breaks again this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. We are hoping to be back with them next year. Hope to see you soon.

Best wishes to all!  
Thomas J. Moser  
Noble Grand



*Visit Our Website*

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**

**SEPTEMBER**

John Yount	5
Edward Fesenmeyer	6
Kenneth Koerber	6
Michael Mangiore	6
Gunner Decker	7
Thomas Bergman	8
Robert Cummings	11
Bert Enfield	11
Robert Steinbach	14
Christopher Steinbach	14
Raymond Miles	17
Kevin Smith	19
John Bayer	20
Richard Roesch	23
Ronald Buettner	27
Robert Thompson	27
Mangiore Giovanni	30
Peter Maniscalco	30

**OCTOBER**

David Masterson	3
David Jacobi	12
Michael Singer Jr.	13
Chester Chatman	16
Lee Rauhut	17
Scott Sweesy	17
Barry Rodgers	22
Richard Dumont	24
Robert Ruester	26
David Wohlstadter	28
Steven Buchholz	29
Janes Elliot	31



**Happy Birthday  
To My Bestest Friend**



**MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING**

7/3/21	Mark Schultheis	WINNER
7/10/21	Richard Smith	WINNER
7/17/21	Richard Walsh	WINNER
7/24/21	Thomas Kreyling	WINNER
7/31/21	Michael Campbell	WINNER
8/7/21	Bruce Boeckmann	WINNER
8/14/21	Francis LaVar	WINNER
8/21/21	Michael Campbell	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  
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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**



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Belleville, IL. 62223  
618-213-6189

Terry Throm  
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Trenton, Il. 62293

**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





## St. Louis Lodge No. 5

# Annual Picnic

### Important Notice

St. Louis No. 5 is happy to announce that we will once again be hosting our Annual Picnic on **Sunday, September 26, 2021** at **Lemay Park at 236 Fannie Avenue**, St. Louis, Mo. 63125. The picnic will begin at 9:00 A.M. There are a few special rules this year because of the lingering COVID-10 pandemic. You must have received your COVID Vaccinations.

You may need to wear a mask (depending on the county requirements at that time) and you must maintain reasonable social distancing. Members may bring their spouses (or significant other if unmarried), sons, daughters and grandchildren. Eligibility for prizes will only be available to lodge members, their spouses (or significant other), widows, and children and grandchildren age 16 and over.

If your **dues are not current** you will not be eligible to obtain tickets. All New members (who haven't received their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree) are eligible to receive tickets if it has been less than twelve months from the date of their initiation.

You will soon be receiving a letter in the mail explaining the procedure for obtaining your tickets. If you plan to attend please respond as soon as possible. All ticket request must be in by September 10, 2021.

For your safety and that of others we will follow the CDC guidelines. We hope to have a great turn out.

Odd Fellows are a diverse group of people who want to make a difference in our communities and the world by turning the lessons taught in our Initiation and Degrees into direct action.



You gain a new family in the members of your Lodge and a vast network of Brothers and Sisters worldwide. By joining Odd Fellows with your friends it helps to give a deeper purpose and meaning to your friendship. We are a diverse organization and have members of all faiths, races, genders, occupations and abilities with over 600,000 members in over 10,000 Lodges in 30 countries.

### Love

The historic command of the Odd Fellow is to “visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan.” You get to take an active role in helping your community and the world be a better place. Local Lodges help out their communities in any way they choose and are unified together in larger projects.

### Truth

Be a part of the HISTORY and the MYSTERY. As an Odd Fellow you get to be a member of one of the world's oldest and largest fraternal Orders. Rituals, symbols, and degrees are designed to “elevate and improve the character of mankind.” By taking these lessons to heart you become a better person and in turn help to make the world around you a better place.



# Congratulations'



*On Saturday, August 7, 2021, Genevieve Kreyling, Linda Rogers, from (Wildev Lodge No. 2) and Timothy David, Dan Flynn from (St. Louis Lodge No. 5) obtained their 3rd degree. The degree of truth.*

**Congratulations' to all.**



## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

**The Financial Secretary** has requested that we 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.



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## Odd Fellows Word Search

Can you find the hidden words

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| Secretary   | Elevate    | regalia     | Truth       |
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# Annual Banquet 2021



# Bowling Tournament

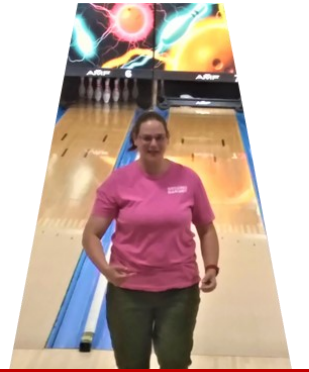
Each year, St. Louis Lodge No. 5 holds a nine pin bowling tournaments, for it's members and guests. The tournament are held at DuBowl Lanes in Mehlville, Missouri. This is a time for us gather, talk, and have fun.



Join Us



Party With Us



Visit With Us



Bowl With Us



Talk to Us



Be With Us