



### 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 9:30 A.M. unless otherwise noted  
 All menus are subject to change

September 5, 2020	<b><u>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</u></b> Refreshments: Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
September 12, 2020	<b><u>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</u></b> Refreshments: Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
September 19, 2020	<b>To be Determined</b>
September 26, 2020	<b>To be Determined</b>
October 3, 2020	<b>To be Determined</b>
October 10, 2020	<b>To be Determined</b>
October 17, 2020	<b>To be Determined</b>
October 24, 2020	<b>To be Determined</b>





# LINK-N-LINES



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350 NORTH VALLEY DELL DR. FENTON, MO. 63026
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2020



### What is Labor Day

For all you hard working people out there. I thought it would be nice to understand what the upcoming holiday Labor Day really means.

**Labor Day 2020** will occur on Monday, September 7. Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, street parades and athletic events.

**Why Do We Celebrate Labor Day?**  
 Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the **Industrial Revolution** in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living.

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### A Message From Our Noble Grand Officers and Members

Greetings!

Well so much for the banquet and picnic huh! Everything is still preceding with the work on the new building. There have been delays due to county inspections but still moving forward. When we know more we will get the word out.

A man was going down the street and sees a sign that says "talking dog for sale, \$10". He stops and asked the owner about the dog. Owner says "he is in back". The guy goes back and sees the dog and says "I hear you can talk". Dog says "yep". Man says, "well tell me about yourself". Dog says "I have lived a good life", "been in the service doing spy work, traveled, and have fathered many pups", the guy looks back at the owner in disbelief and asks "why are you selling the dog so cheap?". The owner says "because he is a liar, he never did any of that!"

Peace and harmony prevailing!  
 Francis LaVar  
 Noble grand

## COULD BE GOOD NEWS, GREAT NEWS, OR BAD NEWS



The day after his wife disappeared in a kayaking accident, an Irishman answered his door to find a grim-faced constable waiting in the front yard.

"We're sorry, Mr. O' Flynn, but we have some information about your dear wife, Maureen," said the officer.

"Tell me! Did you find her?" Michael Patrick O'Flynn asked. The constable said, "I have some bad news, some good news, and some really great news. Which would you like to hear first?" Fearing the worst, Mr. O' Flynn said, "Give me the bad news first." The constable said, "I'm sorry to tell you, sir, but early this morning we found your poor wife's body in the bay."

"Lord suffering' Jesus and Holy Mother of God!" exclaimed O' Flynn. Swallowing hard, he asked, "What could possibly be the good news?"

The constable continued, "When we pulled the late, departed poor Maureen up, she had 12 of the best-looking Atlantic lobsters that you have ever seen clinging to her. Haven't seen lobsters like that since the 1960's, and we feel you are entitled to a share in the catch."

Stunned, Mr. O' Flynn demanded, "Glory be to God, if that's the good news, then what's the really great news?"

The constable replied, "We're gonna pull her up again tomorrow."



## DID YOU KNOW



### T-Shirts

Did you know that T-shirts were originally marketed to unmarried men who didn't know how to sew buttons back on collared shirts by themselves.

### Potato

Did you know, potato, the delicious and favorite veggie of children is the staple food in many countries and is the most cultivated vegetable across the globe.

### Lighter

Did you know; the lighter was invented long back before the matchbox and matchsticks are invented.

### Lipsticks

Did you know Lipsticks are not vegan cosmetics! More than 95 percent of lipsticks contain fish scales!

### Rabbits and Parrots

Did you know that rabbits and parrots can see what is behind them without turning their heads.

### Hands and Feet Bones

Did you know that Hands and Feet have more than half of the bones in the human body.

### Honey

Did you know that there is no expiry date to honey! The edible food remains good forever until used otherwise, like using a wet spoon!

### The Eye Power

Did you know The human eye has the ability to identify and differentiate over 10 million colours.

### Goosy Security

Did you know The goosy security – Geese are used as security guards in a prison in Brazil! How cool is that?

### Inhale

Did you know that you cannot talk and inhale or vice versa. When you speak, you will not be able to inhale. Give it a try?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS**

**SEPTEMBER**

John Yount	5
Edward Fesenmeyer	6
Michael Mangiore	6
Gunner Decker	7
Thomas Bergman	8
Richard Cummings	11
Richard Enfield	11
Gerard Giammanco	13
Gerard Steinbach	14
Raymond Miles	17
Kevin Smith	19
John Bayer	20
Richard Roesch	23
Ronald Buettner	27
Giovanni Mangiore	30
Peter Maniscalco	30

**OCTOBER**

David Masterson	3
Ervin Drowing	7
Larry Clark	10
David Jacobi	12
Steven Kracht	13
Michael Singer Jr.	13
Chester Chatman	16
Lee Rauhut	17
Scott Sweesy	17
Barry Rodgers	22
Richard Dumont	24
Matthew Strohmeier	28
David Wohlstadter	28
Patrick Yancey	30
Jonathan Elliot	31



**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**

6-27	Robert Mayer	WINNER
7-4	Francis LaVar	WINNER
7-11	Tom Moser	WINNER
7-18	Rodney Kleine	WINNER
7-25	Francis LaVar	WINNER
8-1	Lee Rauhut	WINNER
8-8	Charles Whisenhunt	WINNER
8-15	Michael Campbell	WINNER
8-22	Francis LaVar	WINNER

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

**Sick and Shut-ins**

**Marion Briggs.....314-773-4421**  
**Ervin Drowing.....314-865-3894**  
**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**  
 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**



**Address Correction**

Jeffery McCoy  
 15 Park Charles Blvd. N.

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

.....  
**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

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Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages.

People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks. As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous **Haymarket Riot** of 1886, in which several **Chicago** policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in **New York City**, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history. The idea of a "workingmen's holiday," celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers' rights squarely into the public's view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives.

On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by **Eugene V. Debs**, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

#### **WHO CREATED LABOR DAY?**

In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President **Grover Cleveland** signed it into law. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified. Many credit Peter J. McGuire, cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, while others have suggested that Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, first proposed the holiday.

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## **ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. 5 UPDATE**

The officers continue to meet on Saturday mornings at the Five Star Senior Center. Attendance is limited to Lodge Officers. Meetings will continue through the month of September as no official date has been set for the opening of the new building in Fenton.

### **NEWS FROM THE GRAND LODGE AND OUR LODGE**

Due to the pandemic, the Grand Master has decided there will not be any Grand Lodge Session this year. The next Session will be in 2021. He has also decided, with the approval of his Executive Committee, in keeping with Sovereign Grand Lodge, to hold over the present officers. The Grand Master has not had any opportunity to implement his programs or visits to lodges that he had planned due to virus restrictions. I might add that the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Warden are in agreement with his decision.

In December of this year we will not be voting on Grand Lodge officers. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has mandated that nominations and elections will be held at each annual session. The only exception will be the elected Representatives. Their elections will still be held as in the past. They will be elected for a two- year term in the odd numbered years. The reasoning for electing at session is: The Sovereign Grand Lodge elects their officers this way. Elections in the field is a cumbersome affair with often times members are voting on people they don't know.

This year the pandemic has hit our Lodge hard. We have had to cancel picnics, banquets and our Safety Coffee Breaks. We still continue to meet, officers only, on Saturday mornings. Progress on remodeling the new building is progressing and due to the pandemic, it has delayed some work. In case your wondering, we will be voting on new lodge No. 5 officers in December. It will be Past Grands night but without Grand Lodge ballots.

So far, there have been no reports of our members coming down with the coronavirus and we give thanks for this blessing. We are looking forward to 2021 in faith that it will be a better year.

Robert J. Mayer Sr.  
Secretary





## One person can make a difference

There once was a harmless street in the suburbs where no one took much care of their gardens. The lawns were overgrown, the weeds were taking over and the hedges desperately needed to be cut back. It looked unsightly, but when the neighbors looked at each other and their gardens and they just shrugged their shoulders and laughed. It was all too hard, no one could be bothered making it better and because everyone's garden was the same, no one felt compelled to change anything. Then the gardener moved in. Bill was a tidy, hard-working little man who started working out on the front yard as soon as he moved into the street. He got the lawnmower out and gave the grass a good cut. Then he put his gloves on and pulled out all of the weeds. Finally, he brandished a large, shiny hedge trimmer and started shaping his hedges. Satisfied with his hours of hard work, the gardener went inside for a well-earned lemonade. Intrigued, the neighbors walked by and casually inspected the newly manicured garden.

At first, nothing changed, but over time, something interesting happened. One by one, the neighbors started to take more pride in their own gardens and the sounds of lawnmowers could once again be heard on a Saturday morning. After a few months, the street was transformed from a messy, unappealing collection of houses, to a beautifully cared for avenue that wouldn't be out of place in a stylish magazine.



## RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES



**DATES for 2020**  
  
Suspended because of  
Coronavirus

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.



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### LABOR DAY CELEBRATIONS

Labor Day is still celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with parades, picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays and other public gatherings. For many Americans, particularly children and young adults, it represents the end of the summer and the start of the back-to-school season.

### HOLIDAYS THAT FALL ON MONDAYS

*The Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 changed several holidays to ensure they would always be observed on Mondays so that federal employees could have more three-day weekends. The Act, signed into law on June 28, 1968, moved Washington's Birthday Memorial Day, and Columbus Day to fixed Mondays each year.*

Labor Day is in good company; other holidays that always fall on Mondays include:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- George Washington's Birthday (or "President's Day")
- Memorial Day
- Columbus Day

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New Lodge Pin

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



# TEST YOUR SKILLS

## ODD FELLOWS WORD SEARCH

R	I	V	E	N	A	I	L	P	A	H	C	N	R
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R	D	E	R	F	R	I	E	N	S	H	I	P	I
O	L	F	A	R	R	O	W	S	W	V	A	V	R

- ARROWS
- STICKS
- LODGE
- NOBLEGRAND
- VICEGRAND
- JERICO
- TRUTH
- ODDFELLOWS
- FRIENDSHIP
- BROTHERS
- LEVI
- CHAPLIAN
- LOVE
- FRIEND
- WARDEN

## IF WE ONLY KNEW

I still can't believe people's survival instincts told them to grab toilet paper.

**I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves.**

If I had only known in March it would be my last time in a restaurant, I would have ordered dessert.

At the store there was a Big X by the register for me to stand on... I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one.

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

**Until further notice, the days of the week are now called, thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today & nextday.**

**THEY SAID A MASK AND GLOVES WERE ENOUGH TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE**

**THEY LIED, EVERYBODY ELSE HAD CLOTHES ON**

The dumbest thing I've ever purchased was a 2020 planner.

When Does Season TWO of 2020 Start? I Do Not Like Season ONE.

Keep in mind, even during a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

The buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other.

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are