



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.

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| July 3, 2021 | Morning Meeting 10:00am Refreshments – Bagels & Danish Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water |
| July 10, 2021 | 1st Degree 7:00pm Refreshments – Meat Ball Sandwiches with Potato Salad Desert, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water |
| July 17, 2021 | Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Mexican Meal, Burritos and all that stuff Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water |
| July 24, 2021 | 2nd Degree 7:00pm Refreshments – Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Italian Bread, Desert, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water |
| July 31, 2021 | Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Chili Dogs, Chips Desert, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water |
| August 7, 2021 | 3rd Degree 7:00pm Refreshments – Sloppy Joe, Shoe String Potatoes, Salad Desert (Ice Cream), Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water |
| August 14, 2021 | Morning Meeting 10:00am Refreshments – Bagels & Danish Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water |
| August 14, 2021 | Annual Banquet 6:00 pm Location: Genesis Banquet Center 2651 Telegraph Rd. (Must have ticket) |
| August 21, 2021 | Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – BBQ Port Steaks, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Bread, Desert, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water |





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IWO JIMA MEMORIAL



SIX BOYS, 13 HANDS

A TRUE STORY FROM A TEACHER

This is a good history lesson to let you know what really happened to these men. Each year I am hired to go to Washington, DC, with the eighth grade class from Clinton, WI where I grew up, to videotape their trip. I greatly enjoy visiting our nation's capital, and each year I take some special memories back with me. This fall's trip was especially memorable.

On the last night of our trip, we stopped at the Iwo Jima memorial. This memorial is the largest bronze statue in the world and depicts one of the most famous photographs in history -- that of the six brave soldiers raising the American flag at the top of a rocky hill on the island of Iwo Jima, Japan, during WW II

Over one hundred students and chaperones piled off the buses and headed towards the memorial. I noticed a solitary figure at the base of the statue, and as I got closer he asked, 'Where are you guys from?' I told him that we were from Wisconsin. 'Hey, I'm a cheese head, too! Come gather around, Cheese heads, and I will tell you a story.' (It was **James Bradley**) who just happened to be in Washington, DC, to speak at the memorial the following day. He was there that night to say good night to his dad, who had passed away. He was just about to leave when he saw the buses pull up.

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A Message From Our Noble Grand Officers and Members

Greetings everyone!

Thomas J. Moser

As our lives slowly return to normal the lodge is moving in that direction also. So far this year we have conferred degrees on 3 new members and have 2 more that we have elected to membership awaiting initiation. The last several years at our old building we refrained from conferring degrees during the summer as our air conditioning did not cool adequately. This year with our new building we will continue the degree work through the summer months, so, if you have a friend or relative that you think might make good Odd Fellow, hand out an application which is downloadable from our web site.

Our Memorial Day and July 4th Safety Coffee Breaks were cancelled and the Labor Day event does not appear to have much of a chance either. The banquet is scheduled for August 21 while our picnic for this year has been rescheduled for September 26 at Lemay Park. It is our hope that our normal activities for the fall and winter will be celebrated as in years past.

I hope you can relax and enjoy the summer months. For years I have heard the song "Those Lazy Hazy Crazy Days of Summer", but I never found them very relaxing, always going here and there and in a hurry. Whatever your summer plans, I hope they go as you have them planned, and if you go somewhere on vacation, I hope you enjoy and have a safe and healthy trip.

Best wishes to all!
Thomas J. Moser Noble Grand

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Hence, they expect most members of an organization to communicate via these social networking sites. Most of them are known to be great collaborators and favor teamwork. This might be due to having functioned in groups in school, organized sports and extracurricular activities from a very young age; but they are also very independent, self-confident and self-expressive. Although they believe in collective action, they have a tendency to question every rule because they believe rules are made to be broken. They simply reject the notion that they have to stay within the rigid confines of a bureaucracy or procedure. It is argued that these differences can result in significant conflict and failure to deal with these generational differences that could lead to misunderstandings, miscommunications, and mixed signals.

One reason for this is differing experiences with technologies. Older workers such as the Baby Boomers grew up in an era without computers while Generation X grew up when such technology was introduced and generation Y grew up with it. When generations fail to communicate, it can decrease membership retention, affect morale and lead to grievances, complaints and conflicts in the lodge or organization. As a matter of fact, it results to members quitting in an organization or just stop attending meetings. Understanding generational differences, on the other hand, can bring together wisdom with innovation, balance idealism and pragmatism, and combine risk-taking with stability. People who come together from different perspectives always have the potential to bring different thoughts and ideas to problem solving. During the latter part of the 20th century, almost all fraternal organizations — including the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (to include all branches) — have experienced a rapid decline in membership. In the last decade, however, there has been a renewed interest from men and women of all ages, but particularly younger people, in becoming members of the Order (Odd Fellows and Rebekah's in particular). The coming generation is re-discovering new forms of community through the lodges and this is something aging lodges should take advantage. It is an acceptable fact today that a number of our lodge are suffering an aging membership. If lodges, whose average age of membership is 60 years old or more (and with veteran years of 25 years or more) will not make a radical effort to retain younger people, these lodges will sooner die out. Several lodges are already successful in retaining younger members while several are still unsuccessful. One reason for this, according to findings, is failure to bridge these generational differences.

CHARACTERISTIC OF LODGES THAT ARE SUCCESSFUL IN RETAINING YOUNGER MEMBERS

Majority of the officers of their lodge are also younger (at least 50 years old or below).

- Senior members avoid always being in control and give younger members the opportunity to lead and decide on their own.
- They are involved in hands-on community projects and not just handing-out a check.
- They organize social activities that are fun for members and non-members.
- They perform the degree(s) of initiation in a solemn and dignified manner.
- They are more inclusive to non-members and openly discuss about their Lodge to the public – having set-up websites, online forums and Facebook pages that discuss about the Odd Fellows or Rebekahs.

GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES

GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES By Louie Blake S. Sarmiento, MA According to researchers Smola and Sutton (2002), a generation refers to people born in the same general time span who share key historical or social life experiences. Behavioral Sociologist suggest that each generation lasts approximately two decades, after which it fades into the background as the next generation comes into its own. Various research studies claim that each generation is unique and have their own identity that includes values, maturation cycles and birth years that translate into differing personality traits, attitudes, mental health, and behaviors (Twenge, Campbell, Hoffman & Lance, 2010). According to Gursoy, Maier and Chi (2008), there are currently three generations today and they have differences in terms of values and attitudes:

Baby Boomers (born between 1943 and 1960) In the United States, this generation was affected by the civil rights and women's movements, the Vietnam War, the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, and Watergate. Most people who belong in this generation respect authority and hierarchy and are willing to wait their turn for promotions and rewards. For them, seniority is more important than merit. Findings also indicated that Boomers like to be in charge, like to be the star of the show and getting credit for everything perceived as positive in an organization. They are happy to abide by the rules and very resistant to change because they tend to be comfortable with the way they have always done things. They grew up in an era of bureaucracy. Hence, they have a tendency to focus on laws, procedures and titles over practicality and easy processes. Technology is also a big issue for most of them because they are not technologically savvy.

Generation X (born between 1961 and 1980) Members of Generation X are the children of older Baby Boomers who grew up in a period of financial, familial and societal insecurity. They witnessed their parents get laid-off, get divorced and are the first individuals predicted to earn less than their parents did. They were influenced by MTV, AIDS and worldwide competition and are accustomed to receiving instant feedback from playing computer and video games. As a result, most are the kind who wants to solve problems immediately. The best environment for them is the one that is fun, keeps them busy, but not too busy, so that they can do fun things while working. They tend to be informal and direct, often skipping hierarchal protocol and going directly to the manager or leader who can answer their questions. For them, merit is more important than seniority. Just because one is older doesn't always mean one knows better. In addition, they have very low tolerance for bureaucracy and rules. They tend to prefer organizations that offer flexible schedules, independence, professional growth, mentors, interesting work and time off.

Generation Y (born between 1981 and 2000) This generation was born into technology and often know more about digital world than their teachers and parents. It can be safely said that Generation X was raised with new technologies, it must be noted that Generation Y were totally immersed in the new technologies of their era. They expect to have the latest technology at their fingertips. They may expect that everyone will communicate with them on Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, Twitter and so on.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

JUNE

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| Joseph Johnson | 6 |
| Palmer Ash | 8 |
| Connie Curran | 18 |
| Nicholas Cichielo | 23 |
| Walter Sawicki | 28 |

JULY

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|------------------|----|
| Jeffery Parrotte | 7 |
| Darrel Curtis | 13 |
| Jeffery Pedroley | 16 |
| Matthew Puhse | 16 |
| Adam Schroeder | 18 |
| Mark Schultheis | 20 |
| Jeffery McCoy | 22 |
| Robert Atwell | 24 |
| Thomas Kreyling | 26 |
| Charles Benson | 30 |
| Philip Cole | 30 |
| Harold Pratt | 31 |



**Happy Birthday
To My Bestest Friend**

Will there be
Cake & Ice cream



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING

| | | |
|------|--------------------|--------|
| 5-1 | Francis LaVar | WINNER |
| 5-8 | John Bayer | WINNER |
| 5-15 | Charles Whisenhunt | WINNER |
| 5-22 | Bruce Boeckmann | WINNER |
| 5-29 | John Caraker | WINNER |
| 6-5 | Jose Hernandez | WINNER |
| 6-12 | Stephen A. Carr | WINNER |
| 6-19 | Dennis Lipski | 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
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



St. Louis Lodge No. 5



Annual Banquet

St. Louis No. 5 is happy to announce that we will once again hold our Annual Banquet on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Genesis Banquet Center, 2651 Telegraph Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63125.

The doors will open at 6:00 P.M. and dinner will be served at 7:15 P.M.

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. **(There will be a post card for you to send in)** For your safety and that of others we will follow the CDC guidelines. We hope to have a great turn out.

SIX BOYS, 13 HANDS

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Franklin died on Iwo Jima at the age of 19. When the telegram came to tell his mother that he was dead, it went to the Hilltop General Store. A barefoot boy ran that telegram up to his mother's farm. The neighbors could hear her scream all night and into the morning. Those neighbors lived a quarter of a mile away.

'The next guy, as we continue to go around the statue, is my dad, John Bradley, from Antigo, Wisconsin, where I was raised. My dad lived until 1994, but he would never give interviews.

When Walter Cronkite's producers or the New York Times would call, we were trained as little kids to say 'No, I'm sorry, sir, my dad's not here. He is in Canada fishing. No, there is no phone there, sir. No, we don't know when he is coming back.' My dad never fished or even went to Canada. Usually, he was sitting there right at the table eating his Campbell's soup. But we had to tell the press that he was out fishing. He didn't want to talk to the press.

'You see, like Ira Hayes, my dad didn't see himself as a hero. Everyone thinks these guys are heroes, 'because they are in a photo and on a monument. My dad knew better. He was a medic. John Bradley from Wisconsin was a combat caregiver. On Iwo Jima he probably held over 200 boys as they died. And when boys died on Iwo Jima, they writhed and screamed, without any medication or help with the pain.

'When I was a little boy, my third grade teacher told me that my dad was a hero. When I went home and told my dad that, he looked at me and said, 'I want you always to remember that the heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who. **DID NOT COME BACK.**'

'So that's the story about six nice young boys. Three died on Iwo Jima, and three came back as national heroes. Overall, 7,000 boys died on Iwo Jima in the worst battle in the history of the Marine Corps. My voice is giving out, so I will end here. Thank you for your time.'

Suddenly, the monument wasn't just a big old piece of metal with a flag sticking out of the top. It came to life before our eyes with the heartfelt words of a son who did indeed have a father who was a hero. Maybe not a hero for the reasons most people would believe, but a hero nonetheless.

One thing I learned while on tour with my 8th grade students in DC that is not mentioned here is, that if you look at the statue very closely and count the number of 'hands' raising the flag, there are 13. When the man who made the statue was asked why there were 13, he simply said, the **13th hand was the hand of God.**





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Congratulations'



On Saturday, June 12, 2021, Monica David, from (Wildey Lodge No. 2 and Wyatt Wooden from St. Louis Lodge No. 5 obtained their 3rd degree. The degree of truth. Congratulations'.



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

The Financial Secretary has requested that we remind the members, that Lodge Dues are due on January 1, 2021. 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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I videotaped him as he spoke to us, and received his permission to share what he said from my videotape. It is one thing to tour the incredible monuments filled with history in Washington, DC, but it is quite another to get the kind of insight we received that night.)

When all had gathered around, he reverently began to speak. (Here are his words that night.) 'My name is James Bradley and I'm from Antigo, Wisconsin. My dad is on that statue, and I wrote a book called 'Flags of Our Fathers'. It is the story of the six boys you see behind me.

'Six boys raised the flag. The first guy putting the pole in the ground is Harlon Block. Harlon was an all-state football player.. He enlisted in the Marine Corps with all the senior members of his football team. They were off to play another type of game. A game called 'War.' But it didn't turn out to be a game. Harlon, at the age of 21, died with his intestines in his hands. I don't say that to gross you out, I say that because there are people who stand in front of this statue and talk about the glory of war. You guys need to know that most of the boys in Iwo Jima were 17, 18, and 19 years old - and it was so hard that the ones who did make it home never even would talk to their families about it.

(He pointed to the statue) 'You see this next guy? That's Rene Gagnon from New Hampshire. If you took Rene's helmet off at the moment this photo was taken and looked in the webbing of that helmet, you would find a photograph...a photograph of his girlfriend Rene put that in there for protection because he was scared. He was 18 years old. It was just boys who won the battle of Iwo Jima. Boys. Not old men. 'The next guy here, the third guy in this tableau, was Sergeant Mike Strank ... (from Johnstown, PA). Mike is my hero. He was the hero of all these guys. They called him the 'old man' because he was so old. He was already 24. When Mike would motivate his boys in training camp, he didn't say, 'Let's go kill some Japanese' or 'Let's die for our country' He knew he was talking to little boys. Instead he would say, 'You do what I say, and I'll get you home to your mothers.'

'The last guy on this side of the statue is Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona. Ira Hayes was one of them who lived to walk off Iwo Jima. He went into the White House with my dad. President Truman told him, 'You're a hero' He told reporters, 'How can I feel like a hero when 250 of my buddies hit the island with me and only 27 of us walked off alive?'

So you take your class at school, 250 of you spending a year together having fun, doing everything together. Then all 250 of you hit the beach, but only 27 of your classmates walk off alive. That was Ira Hayes. He had images of horror in his mind. Ira Hayes carried the pain home with him and eventually died dead drunk, face down, drowned in a very shallow puddle, at the age of 32 (ten years after this picture was taken). 'The next guy, going around the statue, is Franklin Sousley from Hilltop, Kentucky. A fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. His best friend, who is now 70, told me, 'Yeah, you know, we took two cows up on the porch of the Hilltop General Store. Then we strung wire across the stairs so the cows couldn't get down. Then we fed them Epsom salts. Those cows crapped all night..' Yes, he was a fun-lovin' hillbilly boy.



Missouri Facts



- Missouri is also known as **the Cave State**. It has more than 6,000 caves.
- Known for Arch Nemesis, the city of O'Fallon **offers unique pizzas that are not made with the usual Provel cheese** which many people crave for. Rather, the pizza sold in O'Fallon restaurants is cooked with **Zesty Pizza Loaf**, a less flavorful, and a less expensive option.
- Kansas City and St. Louis are home to more than half of the **state's population**.
- **he first parachute jump** from a plane was also made at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis on March 1, 1912.
- The Mississippi and the Missouri River are the **two longest rivers of the state**.
- Missouri is **named after** the Missouri River, which was named after the indigenous Missouri Indians.
- In 1849, a **cholera epidemic** struck St. Louis, killing over 4,000 people.
- **Human settlement** has been recorded in the region for at least 12,000 years ago.
- **The name of the state the "Show Me State" came into being** when Missouri Congressman Willard Duncan Vandiver, in an 1899 speech in Philadelphia, said, "For thy eloquence neither convinces nor satisfies me. I am from Missouri. You have got to show me."

ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. 5

Bowling Tournament



Practice starts at 12:50pm

Tournament starts at 1:00pm

Sunday July 11, 2021

DuBowl Lanes, 2711 Lemay Ferry Rd. St. Louis, Mo. 62125

You and your significant are welcome. No children please. Format: 9 Pin (9 pins down on first ball is considered a strike).

(Don't forget) to RSVP to Bob Mayer Sr or Larry Endicott no later than July 9, 2021

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