





Refreshments and Activities at Your Lodge

All refreshments served in the evening will be at 6:00 P.M.. Refreshments served in the morning will be served at 9:00 A.M. unless otherwise noted

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March 8, 2025	Regular Meeting 7:00 pm Refreshments— Fajitas & Taco Bar, Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water
March 15, 2025	Morning Meeting 9:00 am Refreshments—Georgia's special Casserole, Biscuits and Gravy (Oh Boy) Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
Banquet Dinner March 15, 2025	Membership Banquet Andre's South Banquet & Catering, 4254 Telegraph Road St. Louis, Missouri 63129. The event will kick off at 7:00pm. The doors will open at 6:00 P.M.
March 22, 2025	Regular Meeting 7:00 pm Refreshments—Corn Beef and Cabbage, Green beans, Salad, Rolls Desert Birthday Cake, Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water
March 29, 2025	Regular Meeting 7:00 pm Refreshments—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, Corn, Salad, Rolls Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water
April 5, 2025	Initiatory Degree 7:00 pm Refreshments Sub Sandwiches, Chips Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water
April 12, 2025	Regular Meeting 7:00 pm Refreshments — Meatballs and Spaghetti, French bread, salad Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water
(Easter Dinner) April 19, 2025	Regular Meeting 7:00 pm Refreshments — Ham, Turkey, Scalloped Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Cake Soda, Tea, Coffee and Water
April 26, 2025	Regular Meeting 7:00 pm Refreshments — Chili Dogs, Tater Tots Soda, Coffee and Water



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MARCH—APRIL 2025

A Message From Our



The annual IOOF pilgrimage is a solemn ceremony that we have named "The Pilgrimage to the Tomb" where a representative from each State is symbolically lays a wreath at the Tomb.

They are also the only fraternal organization permitted to conduct a Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and given the honor of bestowing a Grand Decoration of Chivalry Award upon an Unknown Soldier. This honor was bestowed upon us in 1934 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

History

June 17, 1934 was the first date for the Odd Fellow Pilgrimage. The purpose of this Pilgrimage was not only to honor the Unknown Soldier and the Nation's War Dead, but also the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows who had made the supreme sacrifice in World War I. Lodges from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia participated in this first Pilgrimage.



Noble Grand

John Caraker

Greetings everybody!

I hope everyone is staying warm in this nasty weather. I would like to thank the lodge for electing me as your Noble Grand for this year. I will do my best to live up to your expectations. I don't have any new programs planned for this year. I do hope to improve the ones we already have.

We will be having a membership drive banquet on March 15, 2025 at Andre's South Banquet Center. Invite your prospects and bring them to the banquet. We already have several prospects that intend to attend. We will start degree work in April for any candidates who petition to join our lodge.

We are planning some exciting activities this year. Stay tuned to future Link-N-Lines for details.

John Caraker Noble Grand

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<u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS</u>

MARCH

APRIL

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING

Richard Walsh	1	Willian Woods
eroy Jennings	10	John Eckert
Vyatt Wooden	12	Mouyassar James
lohnny Naylor	14	Dwight Wyatt
Eric Raney	23	Rex Gooch
Gary Nelson	25	Cody Wilde
Stanley Bialczak	26	Francis LaVar
Casey Liotta	30	Paxton Rogers
C. Ray White	30	Robert Bruckner
		Larry Endicott

Villian Woods	5	1/4/2
		1/11/2
ohn Eckert	6	1/18/2
louyassar James	8	1/25/2
wight Wyatt	8	2/1/2
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lex Gooch	9	2/15/2
ody Wilde	13	2/22/2
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rancis LaVar	14	
axton Rogers	20	Come to
obert Bruckner	27	be on th

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To our amazing friends, may your birthdays be as incredible as you are. Here's to celebrating another year of your remarkable presence in our life's.



1/4/25	Dennis Lipski	WINNER
1/11/25	Walter Clifton	WINNER
1/18/25	Dennis Fetter	WINNER
1/25/25/	Rodney Kleine	WINNER
2/1/25	Charles Whisenhunt	WINNER
2/8/25	John Eckert	WINNER
2/15/25	Ronald Hicks	WINNER
2/22/25	Jeffrey Parrotte	WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

Lou Monken	314-892-4825

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.

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Noble Grand	
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Robert J. Mayer Sr	314-278-6065
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MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS

ADDRESS CHANGES





DON'T FORGET

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. 337 Rauhut Ave. Lemay Mo. 63125

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Famous Sayings

- Years between 60 and 80 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." T.S. Elliot
- At age 20, we worry about what others think of us; at age 40, we don't care what they
 think of us; ...at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." Ann
 Landers
- The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." **Unknown**
- It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." **Andy Rooney**
- The older I get, the better I used to be." Lee Trevino
- I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me — they're cramming for their final exam." George Carlin
- Grandchildren don't make a man feel old, it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother that does." J. Norman Collie
- To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable." Oscar Wilde
- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for." Will Rogers
- We must recognize that, as we grow older, we become like old cars more and more repairs and replacements are necessary."
- Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened."
 Jennifer Yane
- The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened.

 Mark Twain
- Old people shouldn't eat healthy foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." Robert Orben



IS YOUR TIME SLIPPING BYE

While we cannot do anything about how fast the time flows, we still can control how we use it. Being more energized and productive helps us live to the fullest. Always remember what your goals are, get more done, and try new things to find all of your talents.











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One year later, New Jersey and Delaware joined; almost 1,000 members of the Order were present. Credit for the Pilgrimage idea goes to Charles Lampe, who was Grand Master of the District of Columbia.

On July 7, 1940, the Grand Sire, on behalf of IOOF presented to the Unknown Soldier the Grand Decoration of Chivalry, the highest decoration bestowed upon an Odd Fellow. This Jewel, received by the Department of Army, is prominently displayed in the Hall of Trophies. On May 3, 1959 the Sovereign Grand Master presented two more Grand Decoration of Chivalry Jewels to the Army – one for the Unknown Soldier of World War II and the other for the Unknown Soldier of the Korean Conflict. Both Jewels were placed in the Hall of Trophies.

Growth of this tradition was tremendous. Finally, a resolution was adopted at the 1954 Sovereign Grand Lodge Session that sponsorship be assumed by The Sovereign Grand Lodge and that each Sovereign Grand Master appoint the General Chairman. Previously, it had been the custom for the Department Commander of the Patriarchs Militant of the District of Columbia to serve as chairman of the Pilgrimage.

This ceremony of Remembrance for those who have given their lives to preserve the "American way of life" enshrines the principles of Odd Fellowship – Friendship, Love and Truth. It is indeed an honor to be a part of this pilgrimage.



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Those who have mastered the secret of the hourglass spend their time wisely, balancing the need for refreshment and enjoyment with the desire to have a lasting impact on the world for the greater good. Whether Odd Fellows or otherwise, those individuals are often the best and the most productive members of society.

Key points about the hourglass...

Time is fleeting:

The hourglass represents the passage of time and the inevitability of death.

Urgency to act:

By acknowledging the shortness of life, the hourglass encourages Odd Fellows to be prompt in providing assistance to those in need.

Shared symbolism with other fraternal groups:

Similar to Freemasonry, the hourglass is used to remind members to live a meaningful life and contribute positively to society.

I thank you for taking the time to read and reflect on these Odd Fellow Minutes and recognize the importance of these symbols pertaining to our Order.

Fraternally and in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

Brother Casey A. Brizendine Vice Grand Saint Louis Lodge #5 Independent Order of Odd Fellows



ADVICE FROM A FARMER'S WIFE



Biscuits brown better with a little butter brushed on them.

Check you're Shoelaces before running to help somebody.

Homemade is always better'n store bought.

It is easy to clean an empty house, but hard to live in one.

A city dog wants to run out the door but a country dog stays on the porch because he's not fenced in.

You'll never catch a runnin' chicken, but if you throw seed around the back door you'll have a skillet full by supper.

The softer you talk the closer folks listen.

The colder the outhouse, the warmer the bed.



REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

The Financial Secretary wishes to remind the members, that Lodge Dues were due on January 1, 2025. 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 Larry Endicott for further information at 314-452-8989.

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 approximately 30 minutes prior to refreshments on Saturday so that he can give you the attention needed.

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Greetings Odd Fellow Brethren of Saint Louis Lodge #5. I am pleased to bring Greetings Odd Fellow Brethren of Saint Louis Lodge #5. I am pleased to bring you another article for the Odd Fellows Minute. The Odd Fellows Minute is designed for educational purposes to impart wisdom and understanding about the symbols of Odd Fellowship. In this issue of the Link-N-Lines we will discuss the symbol of the Hourglass.

An Hourglass symbolizes the fleeting nature of life and the importance of acting quickly to help others in need,

essentially serving as a reminder of mortality and the need to make the most of one's time. It's often used alongside other symbols like the skull and crossbones to emphasize this concept.

The Hourglass also represents the never-ending progress of time, providing a needful reminder of the transience and impermanence of all earthly creation. As the sands

silently pass through the hourglass, the allotted time for all living beings marches ever onwards until the last grains of sand have come to rest. In contrast with the literal

hourglass, the ineffable hourglass which marks the passing of time for a human being does not inform the bearer how much sand remains. An Odd Fellow should always

maintain the awareness that their hours on the earth are limited, and they should guard their precious moments, not knowing which will be the last. Thus, everyday matters, and every action counts.

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ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. 5 APRIL 6, 2025 GET IN THE GAME AND COME JOIN US. CHECK-IN 12:30PM, PRACTICE AT 12:50PM **GAMES BEGIN AT 1:00PM.** SUNSET LANES, 7777 WATSON RD. ST. LOUIS, MO. 63119

MEMBERSHIP BANQUET

To help us celebrate, you and a guest and significant other to our Membership Drive Banquet on March 15, 2025 at Andre's South Banquet & Catering, 4254 Telegraph Rd. St. Louis, Missouri 63129.

The event will kick off at 7:00pm.

The doors will open at 6:00 P.M. This is a Members only event – (no widows have been invited).

We hope to see you there.



ST. LOUIS LODGE No. 5

MEMBERSHIP

BANQUET NIGHT

REQUESTED THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE

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ANDRE'S SOUTH BANQUET

4254 Telegraph Rd. St. Louis, Mo. 63129

Doors open at 6:00pm

RSVP TO Larry Endicott At (314) 452-8989

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