

Refreshments and Activity

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 menus are subject to change	
August 24, 2019	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Pop Luck (which means ?) Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
August 31, 2019	<u>Morning Meeting 9:00am</u> Refreshments – Bagels and Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
September 7, 2019	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Sub-Sandwiches, Chips Garlic Bread, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
September 14, 2019	<u>Initiatory Degree 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Fried Chicken, Coleslaw, Potato Salad Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
September 21, 2019	<u>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Brats with Sauerkraut, Potato Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
September 28, 2019	<u>First Degree 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Pasta con broccoli, Salad, Bread Dessert, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
October 5, 2019	<u>Morning Meeting 9:00am</u> Refreshments – Donuts and Bagels Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
October 12, 2019	<u>Second Degree 7:30pm</u> Refreshments – Beef Tips and Noodles, Salad, Bread Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water





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September - October 2019



Sovereign Grand Master
I.O.O.F.

DOUGLAS PITTMAN

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters, As I sit down and begin to write this article, I must share with you, that I have struggled with the notion that it is the last one I will write as your Sovereign Grand Master.

I am sitting at the beautiful Mahogany Rolltop desk that occupies the office of the Sovereign Grand Master in Winston Salem this morning for the very first time this year and I am still in awe at the enormity of what all has transpired over the last three years. My mind has spent the day wandering from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, particularly the ones that I have had the pleasure to visit and the many things I have learned along the way.

We all don't do things the same way in every jurisdiction, and it was interesting to see the different ways that we all accomplish our duties as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. I have enjoyed working with our members all over the world to make our Order and World a better place for all of us. I have been truly blessed to have known each of you and by the friendships that have been made along this journey. At the same time, I have been frustrated by the ones that think they need to change us to suite their own needs and beliefs.

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A Message From Our Noble Grand

Officers and Members

Greetings

Greetings! I hope that this message finds you healthy, happy, wise. Summer will soon be gone and Fall will be here before we know it. The picnic was a great time and we were blessed with nice weather. Not too hot for the first week of August and a nice breeze. The banquet was a few weeks ago and we had 200 or so in attendance. The meal was delicious and we had a very nice time.

The summer months are when we have the most activity at lodge. The safety coffee breaks, picnic and banquet require lots of work by our members. It would be nice to see more members attend the lodge meetings and help serve on the committees that plan and work these events. Without active members these events may not be able to go on in perpetuity. If you enjoy these activities I urge you to attend meetings and help with the planning and execution of them.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

SEPTEMBER

Michael Mangiore	6
Gunner Decker	7
Thomas Bergman	8
Bert Enfield	11
Richard Cummings	11
Gerard Giammanco	13
Robert Steinbach	14
Ernst Rodgers	15
Raymond Miles	17
Kevin Smith	19
John Bayer	20
Richard Roesch	23
Charles Huey	24
Ronald Buettner	27
Giovanni Mangiore	30
Peter Maniscalco	30

OCTOBER

David Masterson	3
Ervin Drewing	7
Larry Clark	10
David Jacobi	12
Michael Singer Jr.	13
Steven Kracht	13
Chester Chatman	16
Lee Rauhut	17
Scott Sweesy	17
William Carr III	19
Barry Rodgers	22
Richard Dumont	24
Robert Ruester	26
David Wohlstadter	28
Matthew Strohmeier	28
Patrick Yancey	30
Jonathan Elliot	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

6/29/19	Rodney Klein	WINNER
7/6/19	Francis LaVar	WINNER
7/13/19	Richard Aguilar	WINNER
7/20/19	Ken Rogers	WINNER
7/27/19	Robert Mayer Sr.	WINNER
8/3/19	Barry Rogers	WINNER
8/10/19	John Eckert	WINNER
8/17/19	Robert Mayer Sr.	WINNER
8/24/19	Michael Campbell	WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

William B. Stephenson Jr314-342-1436
Marion Briggs.....314-773-4421
Ervin Drewing.....314-865-3894

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
 Michael J. Campbell.....901-606-7128

Vice Grand
 Frances X. LaVar.....314-607-6380

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 Aguilar314-644-1126
 Craig A. Skinner.....314-839-3081
 Lee T. Rauhut.....314-521-3302



MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS /TELEPHONE CHANGES

Change of Address



**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.
 3765 Lindell Blvd.
 St. Louis, Mo. 63108-3411



(Sovereign Grand Master *Continued from page 1*)

We are Odd Fellows and Rebekahs! We believe in a Supreme Being, a creator and preserver! We teach and believe in Biblical teachings, yet separate ourselves from any specific religion, this is what makes us non-sectarian! Let me say it a different way, non-sectarian does not mean, not religious, only that we are not associated with any specific church or religion. Our Order was founded on these Teachings and Traditions and it is important that we not turn our backs or allow some members to divert our attention from this part of our past. We cannot allow the things that seem to tear us apart and divide us to continue. We need to be in harmony with one another and work together for the advancement of Odd Fellowship. One of my emblems, the bundle of sticks reminds us all that as long as we let the little things divide us as Brothers and Sisters we will fail to do the things we are charged with doing that will insure that this Great Fraternity is kept alive for future generations. I will forever treasure this experience and the opportunity that has been granted to me.

Fraternally Yours,
Douglas E. Pittman
Sovereign Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows



MAKING MOTIONS

As the lodge Secretary, I would ask that any new motion be made under **NEW BUSINESS**. This give my minutes conformity making it easier to look up motions versus having them scattered all over the minutes. Sometimes I've had to research an entire year looking for a specific motion to verify that it was made. When making minutes, the rule is there is no discussion of any kind until a second is made and the Noble Grand restates the motion to the lodge. There should be no sideline discussion except for that which is on the floor. All those wishing to discuss the motion must first be recognized by the Noble Grand.

I have seen too many times when there is a motion on the floor that some members are talking among themselves and completely miss the motion or didn't realize what they were voting on. Besides that, it's downright rude and the Vice Grand's duty is to enforce decorum. Something we've become lax in specifically when we pray. Motions should be as concise and brief as possible, loosely worded motions leave it open for amendments and lengthy discussions. Also, I would highly recommend that if a motion entails a location, leave the location out, the location specified may not always be there when the time comes. Keeping decorum, following the rules of motions, will greatly help in running a smooth and interesting meeting.

Robert J. Mayer Sr.
Secretary

Attention members



The Financial Secretary has requested that I remind the membership that if at any time you have any bills, or other financial transactions with the lodge. Please come early and contact the Financial Secretary upon your arrival so that he can give you the attention needed



A LITTLE BIT OF ODD FELLOW HISTORY

In a recent article in the Link-N-Lines reminded me of some incidents that occurred just a few years ago. Let me begin with a little history first.

Dues cards used to come with a telegraphic cipher code on the back. Early in the twentieth century, before the advent of highways and super highways, members traveled by auto, bus, hitchhiking or just plain walking. Sometimes a sojourning brother would find himself destitute and unable to come up with funds to get himself back home. He would then contact the nearest Odd Fellow lodge, if he was a member. and request assistance. After proving himself a member, the telegraphic code would be used to contact his lodge to inform them that a member was being assisted. The idea was the lodge of which the brother was a member would reimburse the lodge giving assistance after the member was safely home.

Just a few years ago, Lodge No. 5 received a request, by phone, from a traveling member that he had broken down on the highway, with his family, and required money to have his auto fixed. When the lodge members asked the location of where he was in distress so they could come to his assistance, his reply was "no need all I need is \$50.00 to get going again." It became apparent that this was not a member but a scam as he had probably heard that the Odd Fellows had offered traveling assistance. This same thing happened a couple of more times before it stopped completely.

Our dues cards no longer have telegraphic ciphers, they were done away with about 20-years ago by Sovereign Grand Lodge.

By Robert J. Mayer Sr.

Noble Grand (continued from page one)

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Michael Campbell
Noble Grand



Old Chinese Saying

There is a Chinese saying that goes: "If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody." For centuries, the greatest thinkers have suggested the same thing: Happiness is found in helping others.



SAFETY COFFEE BREAK

LAST ONE FOR 2019
MONDAY, September 2, 2019 at 9:00 am

Calling all members to join us for our last ***SAFETY COFFEE BREAK of 2019*** at Bloomsdale Rest Area Northbound; 1-55, mile marker 160. Members, your presence is important to assist us in providing the quality of service to the motoring public. To see some of our previous Safety Coffee Breaks.

Go to www.ioof-stl.org/



DID YOU KNOW ?

THE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE



A philosophy professor stood before his class with some items on the table in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, about 2 inches in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks.

He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up the remaining open areas of the jar.

He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "Yes." "Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things – your family, your partner, your health, your children – things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter – like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else, the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party, or fix the disposal."

"Take care of the rocks first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."



REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES

This is a reminder for the members, this is your last opportunity to pay your Lodge Dues. Before required action must be taken. **It's important** to remember that your dues must be paid no later than March 1, 2019.

Our annual dues are \$40.00 a year. Members who fail to pay their dues will lose their membership benefits and will 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.



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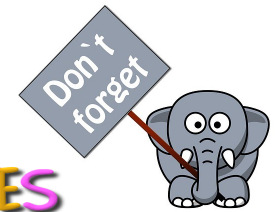
Dates for 2019
~~Wednesday, January 16, 2019~~
~~Friday, March 15, 2019~~
~~Friday, June 28, 2019~~
 Thursday, October 17, 2019



Once again St. Louis Lodge No. 5 will continue to provide 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. Brother Gio Mangiore who has been tasked with coordinating the dates for St. Louis lodge No. 5 to provide meals. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Brother Gio for further information.



Upcoming Events



IMPORTANT DATES

September 2, 2019	Labor Day (Safety Coffee Break) (Bloomsdale Rest Area Northbound; 1-55, mile marker 160)	9:00 am
September 14, 2019	Initiatory Degree , Meeting at Dinner at 6:30 pm	7:30pm
September 28, 2019	First Degree , Meeting at Dinner at 6:30 pm	7:30pm
October 12, 2019	Second Degree , Meeting at Dinner at 6:30 pm	7:30pm



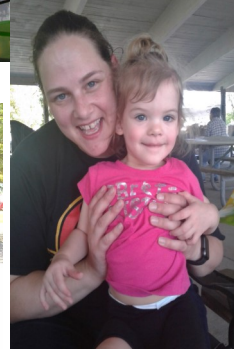
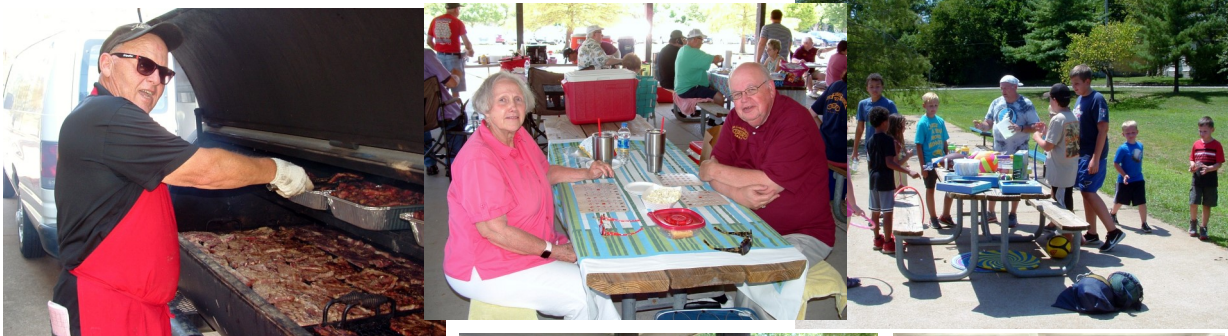
Visit Our Website

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



Annual picnic tradition continues at St. Louis Lodge No. 5

Once again St. Louis Lodge No. 5 held it's Annual Picnic at LeMay Park on August 4, 2018. We would like to thank our members and their guests for making our 2019 Annual Picnic a great success. Even though we were concerned about the park and it's facilities being ready, with a little work everything turned out to be fine. We were pleasantly surprised by the weather. Everyone seemed to enjoyed the attendance prices and Bingo Games. The food provided was prepared by our caterer, Kenrick's Catering. Thank you for joining us.



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2019 Lodge Picnic

St. Louis Lodge No. 5 held its Annual Banquet Celebration on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Genesis Banquet Center. It was once again another great night for Odd Fellows and there guests with the great fellowship, Our Guest Speaker, Ms. Karen Kirk, Executive Director of Lydia's House spoke about how Odd Fellows has helped and continues to be there for Lydia's House. The food was great and the fellowship was well worth the time and effort



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