



Refreshments and Activities at Your Lodge	
Refreshments served in the evening will be at 6:00 P.M. and the Refreshments in the morning and will be served at 9:00 A.M. except when otherwise noted.	
September 7, 2024	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Fettucine Alfredo w/Red/White Pasta, Salad, Bread Sticks, Soda, Coffee, and Water
September 14, 2024	Morning Meeting 10:00 am Refreshments – Bagels & Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
September 21, 2024	First Degree, 7:00 pm Refreshments Meatloaf, Mash Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Soda, Coffee and Water
September 28, 2024	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments - Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, Soda, Coffee and Water
October 5, 2024	Morning Meeting 10:00 am Refreshments – McDonald Breakfast Sandwiches Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
October 12, 2024	Second Degree, 7:00 pm Refreshments – Fish & Chips, Coleslaw Soda, Coffee and Water
October 19, 2024	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments - Mexican Surprise Soda, Coffee and Water
October 26, 2024	Third Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Pizza & Salad Salad, Soda, Coffee and Water





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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2024



History of Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday,

September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday. Many Americans celebrate Labor Day with parades and parties – festivities very similar to those outlined by the first proposal for a holiday, which suggested that the day should be observed with – a street parade to exhibit "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day.



Francis LaVar

A Message From Our Noble Grand Officers and Members

Hello to all!

Its a busy time! We recently had degree work for five candidates for the initiatory degree. St Louis Lodge 5 was doing this for Wildey Lodge #2 and everything went fine. We also held our annual banquet at Andres Banquet Center. It was a success and included a guest speaker from the Honor Flight program. Jim Pettit gave a notable talk of what it takes to provide their service to veterans.

In addition to having guests from the Grand Lodge, we acknowledged two of our own members, Kenneth Rogers and Steven Carr Sr. for their service as Past Grand Masters of the State of Missouri. The evening would not have been complete without noting who the "Oddfellow of the Year" was. After careful consideration, **Charles Whisenhunt** was selected and presented with a commemorative plaque and gift. See you at the picnic September 8th!

Stay cool!
Francis X. LaVar
Noble Grand

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

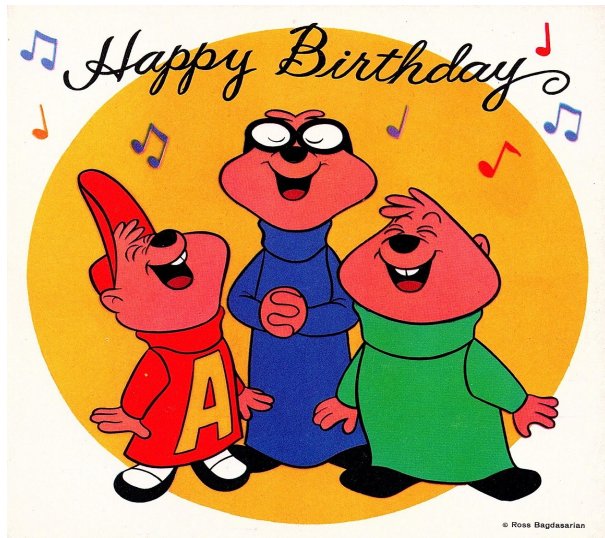
SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

John Yount	5
Edward Fesenmeyer	6
Richard Cummings	11
Christopher Steinbach	14
Robert Steinbach	14
Raymond Miles	17
Kevin Smith	19
John Bayer	20
Richard Roesch	23

Harvey Soule	10
David Jacobi	12
Scott Sweesy	17
Barry Rogers	22
David Wohlstadter	28

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.



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING

4/6/24	Michael J. Campbell	WINNER
4/13/24	William L. Woods	WINNER
4/20/24	Ray White	WINNER
4/27/24	Robert Mayer Sr.	WINNER
5/4/24	Francis Lavar	WINNER
5/11/24	Jonathon Sparks	WINNER
5/18/24	Richard Roesch	WINNER
5/25/24	Jose Hernandez	WINNER
6/1/24	Thomas Moser	WINNER
6/8/24	Ronald Hicks	WINNER
6/15/24	Robert Mayer Sr.	WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

Pete Cauchon314-772-9399

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
Francis X. LaVar.....314-607-6380
Vice Grand
John C. Caraker.....314-630-5469
Secretary
Robert J. Mayer Sr.....314-278-6065
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Larry Endicott..... 314-452-8989
Treasurer
Jeffrey A. Parrotte.....314-751-3138

Special Relief Committee

Richard Aguilar314-644-1126
Charles Whisenhunt.....314-494-9416
Larry Endicott314-452-8989



MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS

ADDRESS CHANGES



DON'T FORGET

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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.
 337 Rauhut Ave.
 Lemay Mo. 63125

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Psychotherapy For The Aged or How To Maintain A Healthy Level Of Insanity (A Good Refresher Course)

- At lunchtime, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on, point a hair dryer at passing cars and watch them slow down!
- On all your check write, "For Sexual Favors"
- Skip down the street rather than walk, and see how many strange looks you get.
- With a serious face, order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat.
- Sing along at the opera.
- When the money comes out of the ATM, scream 'I Won! I Won!'
- When leaving the Zoo, start running towards the parking lot, yelling 'Run For Your Lives! They're Loose!'
- Tell your children over dinner, 'Due to the poor economy, we are going to have to let one of you kids go'
- Pick up a box of condoms at the pharmacy, go to the counter and ask where the fitting room is.
- *And The Final Way To Keep A Healthy Level Of Insanity, Go to a large Department store's fitting room, drop your drawers to your ankles and yell out, "There's no paper in here".*

Submitted by Tom Moser



**ST. LOUIS
LODGE No. 5**

**ANNUAL
Picnic Party**

**Sunday, September 8, 2024
Begins at 9:00am**

Bee Tree County Park,
2701 Finestown Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63129.

Any Questions call
Charles Whisenhunt at
314-494-9416

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Steven Buchholz

Attention Brothers & Sisters

It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of Brother Steven Buchholz. His father, Brother Frank Buchholz reports that Steven passed in his sleep and that his final days were spent with his

parents. No other details were given. Please keep Frank and Margaret and the rest of their family in your thoughts and prayers at this time of mourning. Stay safe and be well.



May we meet Thee Our Father, and hear the welcome plaudit. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of Thy Lord." God of the Universe, while we entrust the holy spirit of our departed brother to Thy Holy care, may the record of his virtues be inscribed upon our hearts and his memory cherished forever. And we further pray in the words of Thy servant of old: "The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us evermore." Amen.

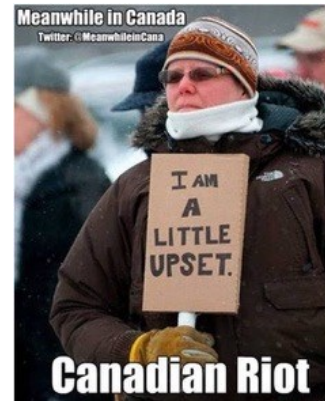


Told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

WIFE: "There is a problem with the tractor. It has water in the carburetor."
HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous"
WIFE: "I'm telling you the tractor has water in the carburetor"
HUSBAND: "You don't even know where the carburetor is. Where's the tractor?"
WIFE: "In the pool"

The older I get the tighter companies are putting the lids on jars

WHY DO EGGS COME IN FLIMSY STYROFOAM CARTONS AND BATTERIES COME IN A PACKAGE ONLY A CHAINSAW CAN OPEN?



A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling.

"I'm OK, but I didn't like the four letter-words the doctor used in surgery," he answered.

"What did he say," asked the nurse.

"Oops!"



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Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

American labor has raised the nation's standard of living and contributed to the greatest production the world has ever known and the labor movement has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership
The American worker.

The End !!!!!



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, 2024. 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.



THE ODD FELLOWS MINUTE

Greetings Odd Fellow Brothers & Sisters I hope this message finds you well. We are introducing a new feature for the Link-n-Lines called **The Odd Fellow Minute** it is designed for educational purposes to give wisdom and understanding about the symbols of Odd Fellowship.

In this issue we will learn about the symbol of the Heart in Hand. The Heart in Hand is one of the symbols most unique to Odd Fellowship, together with the Three Links. It teaches how Odd Fellows should relate one to another, always extending their hearts together with their hand when greeting a brother or sister. It also alludes to the way charity should be rightly performed, cheerfully and not begrudgingly. While charity is always a positive virtue, when this obligation is discharged begrudgingly, it can result in shame or discomfort on the part of the recipient. The hand in this symbol is open, betokening the openness an Odd Fellow should always have when meeting or interacting with brothers and sisters. This is in contrast to the guardedness one would usually expect when relating to a stranger.



The emblem of Odd Fellowship is the Three Links with the letters F, L, & T. The three links symbolizes the chain that binds our members together and illustrates the a fraternity is strongest when joined together. The 'F' in the first link represents 'Friendship', the strongest bond of fraternity that teaches goodwill and harmony. The 'L' represents 'Love', the basis for all life's ambitions, service to others and family.

The 'T' represents 'Truth', the standard by which we value people and the foundation of our society. The symbols of Odd Fellowship are important. We should memorize their meanings and make them part of our daily lives. May we always remember to extend our Heart in Hand to a brother or sister.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET

Well another one has come and gone. On Saturday, August 17, 2024. St. Louis Lodge No. 5 held their Annual Membership Banquet at Andre's South Banquet Center. Members and their guests had a great time. Our guest speaker gave a presentation about honoring our veterans with a program called The Honor Flight. The presentation was well received. We hope to have an even better turn out next year. Below are some of the pictures taken at the banquet.



ST. LOUIS LODGE
NO. 5

HOLIDAY
BOWLING
Tournament

December 1, 2024
12:30 PM

Registration
Deadline 11-28-24

Sunset Lanes
7777 Watson Rd. Marlborough, Mo. 63119