



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.	
January 7, 2023	<b>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Beef Stew, French Bread, Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
January 14, 2023	<b>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Chili 3-way, Hot dogs, Shoe String Potatoes Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
January 21, 2023	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00am</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Breakfast Sandwiches Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
January 21, 2023 <b>(Members &amp; Guest)</b>	<b>Installation of Officers 6:00pm</b> <b>Refreshments</b> Open Face Roast Beef, Green Beans, Mash Potatoes with Gravy, Desert, Soda, Tea, Coffee, & Water
January 28, 2023	<b>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Meat Loaf, Mash Potatoes, Mix Vegetables Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
February 4, 2023	<b>Second Degree 7:00pm</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Beef Tips with Gravy, Rice, Salad Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
Ladies Bingo <b>February 11, 2023</b> <i>(Valentine Dinner)</i>	<b>Ladies Bingo Regular Meeting 7:00pm Ladies Bingo</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Chicken Parmesan, Salad, Pasta with Red/White Sauce, Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
February 18, 2023	<b>Third Degree 6:00pm</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Pizza & Salad Soda, Coffee and Water
February 25, 2023	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00am</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Bagels & Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water





# LINK-N-LINES



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P.O. Box 1467 FENTON, MISSOURI . 63026
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2023



### UNKNOWN FACTS

Our Lodge Secretary Robert Mayer Sr. was kind enough to pass on some unknown facts about Odd Fellows that I thought might be interesting to our readers.

At one time in the Odd Fellows, a saloon keepers were not allowed to be members. **(I wonder why).**

The Grand Master was allowed to confer the Grand Lodge Degree where ever he chose. **(he's the boss)**

If the Grand Lodge does not choose a location for the annual session each year, then it automatically goes to St. Louis. **(interesting)**

The Code of General Laws is a large binder from Sovereign Grand Lodge covering all laws of all branches of our Order, and is supposed to be in every lodge meeting. **(Book of Laws)**

The Lodge Seal is to be present at every meeting as is the Charter of the Lodge. **(Noble Grand be ware)**

Members who wish to speak a second time while addressing the Lodge on any subject, must have permission from the Noble Grand before speaking. **(Knowledge is power)**

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Jeffery A. Perrotte

**A Message From Our Noble Grand Officers and Members Greetings everyone!**

It has been a great honor to be your Noble Grand this year. I wish the officers elect much luck in the upcoming year. Again much has happened since the last link-n-lines.

The thanksgiving dinner, children holiday party and adult holiday event which included dinner, presentations from 11 organizations receiving donations and rob your neighbor were all well attended and much fun and fellowship was had.

Remember installation of officers is scheduled for January 21, 2023 - please plan to attend to support our officers.

Special thanks to Sister Pamela Whisenhunt for all her help in making our holiday events successful. Have a happy holiday and a wonderful new year.

Jeffery Parrotte  
Noble Grand



## On the Internet: Be Cautious When Connected

Everyday tasks—opening an email attachment, following a link in a text message, making an online purchase—can open you up to online criminals who want to harm your systems or steal from you. Preventing internet-enabled crimes and cyber intrusions requires each of us to be aware and on guard.

### PROTECT YOUR SYSTEMS AND DATA

- Keep systems and software up to date and install a strong, reputable anti-virus program.
- Create a strong and unique passphrase for each online account you hold and change them regularly. Using the same passphrase across several accounts makes you more vulnerable if one account is breached.
- Do not open any attachments unless you are expecting the file, document, or invoice and have verified the sender's email address.

### PROTECT YOUR CONNECTIONS

- Be careful when connecting to a public Wi-Fi network and do not conduct any sensitive transactions, including purchases, when on a public network.
- Avoid using free charging stations in airports, hotels, or shopping centers. Bad actors have figured out ways to use public USB ports to introduce malware and monitoring software onto devices that access these ports. Carry your own charger and USB cord and use an electrical outlet instead.

### PROTECT YOUR MONEY AND INFORMATION

- Examine the email address in all correspondence and scrutinize website URLs. Scammers often mimic a legitimate site or email address by using a slight variation in spelling. Or an email may look like it came from a legitimate company, but the actual email address is suspicious.
- Do not click the link in an unsolicited text message or email that asks you to update, check, or verify your account information. If you are concerned about the status of your account, go to the company's website to log into your account or call the phone number listed on the official website to see if something does in fact need your attention.
- Carefully scrutinize all electronic requests for a payment or transfer of funds.
- Be extra suspicious of any message that urges immediate action.
- Make online purchases with a credit card for an extra layer of protection against fraud.
- Do not send money to any person you meet online or allow a person you don't know well to access your bank account to transfer money in or out.

Information provided by AARP Bulletin (December 2022 issue)

## Installation of New Lodge Officers

On January 21, 2023, at 6:00pm . St. Louis Lodge No. 5 will host the installation of New Lodge Officers for the year 2023 at the Three Links Building, located at 350 North Valley Dell Dr. Fenton, Mo. All members and guests are invited to attend and help us celebrate the installation of our Newly Elected Lodge Officers.

Jose M. Hernandez  
Rodney Kleine  
Robert J. Mayer Sr.  
Francis LaVar  
Jeffrey Parrotte

Noble Grand  
Vice Grand  
Secretary  
Financial Secretary  
Treasurer

Good Luck to all



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

**Remember Odd Fellows Objective is  
To Improve and Elevate the Character of Mankind**

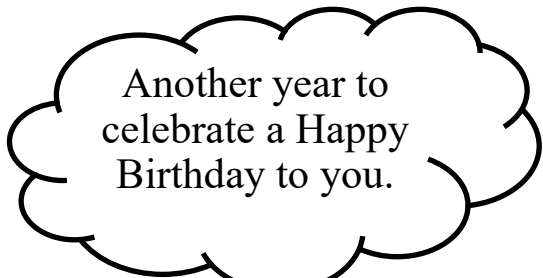
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

## JANUARY

Jwamer Rasheed	1
Dennis Lipski	6
John Dempsey	6
Kenneth Rogers	7
Stephen Carr Sr.	8
Andrew Oberman	9
Jose Hernandez	9
William Jimas	9
Steven Throm	10
Alexander Hollenberg	11
Donald Proehl	16
J. Dodson	18
Fred Plough	24
Philipp Peterson	26

## FEBRUARY

Charlie Whisenhunt	1
Dan White	4
Terrence Shofner	7
Thomas Amos	11
Charles Elms	11
Michael Barcus	12
Thomas Moser	16
Art Matthews	17
David Haywood	25
John Siscel III	25
Kenneth Herrmann	27
Michael Singer III	28



## MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING

10-15-22	Casey Brizandine	WINNER
10-21-22	Casey Brizandine	WINNER
10-29-22	Rick Roesch	WINNER
11-5-22	Frank Buchholz	WINNER
11-12-22	Dan Flynn	WINNER
11-19-22	Dan Flynn	WINNER
11-26-22	Ray White	WINNER
12-3-22	Francis LaVar	WINNER
12-10-22	Robert Mayer	WINNER
12-17-22	Rodney Kleine	WINNER
12-24-22	Walter Clifton	WINNER

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

### Sick and Shut-ins

**Marion Briggs.....314-773-4421**

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**  
Jose M. Hernandez.....314-753-3880
- Vice Grand.**  
Rodney Kleine.....314-952-7941
- Secretary**  
Robert J. Mayer Sr.....314-278-6065
- Financial Secretary**  
Francis LaVar.....314-607-6380
- Treasurer**  
Jeffrey Parrotte.....314-751-3138

### Special Relief Committee

- Richard Aguilar.....314-644-1126  
Craig A. Skinner.....314-839-3081  
Larry Endicott .....314-452-8989



## 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.  
337 Rauhut Ave.  
Lemay Mo. 63125



# Odd Fellows Word Search

O L U F R I E N D S H I P E Q  
 D E A N W A N K I L P L A P X  
 D I P S T A Y Y U Q J Y S V Q  
 F T N Y I E J B U F K P K P C  
 E R N D N O B L E G R A N D C  
 L E R J E Z V I C E G R A N D  
 L B E E S P J E G L H H O Z U  
 O E L B G E E N U T U R I A Z  
 W K E P L A C N C P T L O M M  
 S A V K I X L R D E N O O A Y  
 S H A J N H N I E E J V F N S  
 F S T I K B Z O A T N E V K T  
 O L E F S M N Y K J A T W I E  
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 I D H Y L V W T R U T H Y D Y

Independent	Friendship	Noble Grand	odd fellows
Secretary	Elevate	regalia	Truth
Mystery	Vice Grand	Rebekahs	Mankind
links	Love	I O O F	

(continue from Front Page — Did you Know)

Lodge No. 5 is the home lodge for 20 Grand Masters. **(members care about Odd Fellows).**

Unless otherwise stated in our laws, then Roberts Rules of Order are used for conducting meetings. **(who is this Roberts person)**

Up until the year of 2005, the term of office for a Noble Grand was six months. **(sharing responsibility)**

At one time in Lodge No. 5, you were not qualified for lodge office unless you could recite the obligation from memory, a member had until the Third Degree to do a turn-in. **(Dedicated)**



## Message from (our newly elected) Vice Grand

If you see a meal listed on the back (yes the meals are listed on the back of this issue) that you like, when you come to the meeting please bring some kind of a to go container to take home left overs, as the left overs will be sent home, given to a food shelter, or thrown away (depending on how much is left over), they will not be frozen and served at a later date.

Thank you,  
Rodney Kleine  
Vice Grand (newly elected)



# CONGRATULATIONS

The members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 would like to recognize our out going Treasurer and Financial Secretary for their years of service and hard work. They have demonstrated their skills while continuing to serve the lodge. Thank you.



**Treasurer**, Richard Roesch in recognition of his outstanding performance while serving as Lodge Treasurer since 2010. His dedication and personal sacrifices had a significant impact in the success of the lodge. We thank you.



**Financial Secretary** Charlie Whisenhunt for his outstanding service as Lodge Financial Secretary since 2015. Your dedication and efficiency toward your work in support of the lodge is something to be proud of. Thank you.



## TIME FOR DUES

### THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

**The Financial Secretary** wishes to remind the members, that Lodge Dues are due on January 1, 2023. 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 Francis LaVar for further information at **314-607-6380**.

**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.

**ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. 5**

**BOWLING**

**TOURNAMENT**

**FEBRUARY 5 @ 1:00PM**

We will be having our 1st fun 9 pin no tap bowling day of the year, at Sunset Lanes 7777 Watson, Rd. 63119. Doors open 12 noon, registration 12:30pm, warm up 12:50pm start bowling 1pm. If you want to bowl please contact Bro. Larry Endicott - 314-452-8989 or Rodney Kleine - 314-952-7941 so we can sign you up and have you listed for drawing the teams. The lodge pays for bowling and shoes. Food and drinks at your own cost.



# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Louis Lodge No. 5 again hosted their annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at Andre's West Banquet and Catering, Fenton, Mo. MoChip was also on hand for parents to



# ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again St. Louis No. 5 held their annual Adult Christmas on December 17, 2022, at the Three Links Building in Fenton, Mo. which included our presentation to our lodge Charities. We then enjoyed a game of trivia. Fun was had by all (I hope).

