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ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. 5, I.O.O.F.
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MAY — JUNE 2023

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.

May 6, 2023	<p>Third Degree 7:00pm Refreshments – - Pizza & Salad, Soda, Coffee and Water</p>
May 13, 2023 (Mother's Day)	<p>Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Open Face Roast Beef, Salad, Mashed Potato's, Green Beans, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water (Bingo)</p>
May 20, 2023	<p>Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Chicken Parmesan - Pasta, Red & White Sauce, Salad, Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water</p>
May 27, 2023	<p>Morning Meeting 10:00am Refreshments – Breakfast Sandwiches Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water</p>
June 3 2023	<p>Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, French Bread, , Soda, Coffee and Water</p>
June 10, 2023	<p>Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – - Cold Cuts, Chips, Bread Soda, Coffee and Water</p>
June 17, 2023 (Father's Day)	<p>Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Cannelloni, Red & White Sauce, Salad, Bread, Soda, Coffee and Water</p>
June 24, 2023	<p>Morning Meeting 10:00am Refreshments – Bagels & Donuts Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water</p>



MEMORIAL DAY

In more normal times, Memorial Day meant a three-day weekend, barbecues in the backyard with family and friends, trips to the beach or the lake, watching baseball, or NASCAR races on television. For most of us, the day marks the beginning of summer and a more leisurely pace.

Memorial Day 2020 will likely stand in sharp contrast to those entertainments. Many Americans will have endured a 3-day weekend, or longer. Parts of the country may remain in lockdown In other places, businesses will have reopened, but large crowds will be discouraged or illegal.

Most sporting events are canceled, many movie houses will sit silent and unlit, and some beaches may be closed.

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Jose Hernandez

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

I sincerely hope this message finds you in good spirits and health. It's incredible how time seems to fly by as we grow older. With spring upon us, St. Patrick's Day and Easter have already come and gone. As we eagerly anticipate the Safety Coffee Breaks and Annual Picnic. You should be receiving you ticket requests in the mail soon. I want to encourage those of you who haven't been to Lodge in a while to consider attending a few meetings.

We are always thrilled to welcome new faces. Our Lodge is a fraternal organization, and the friendships we've made there are truly cherished. Personally, I can never have enough friends! We could really use increased attendance on Degree nights, as the degree work is crucial in attracting new members and keeping our Lodge vibrant.

Your Lodge needs your participation in various ways, such as helping with Degree ceremonies, volunteering for Safety Coffee Breaks, serving on committees, and actively recruiting new members. We value your contributions and involvement in the Lodge community.

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Advice from An Old Farmer

- Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Don 't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around..
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
- Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill



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Lastly, we genuinely care about the well-being of the members. We provide weekly reports on members who may be facing health challenges or other difficulties. If you are unable to attend meetings due to health or other reasons, please let us know. It would be wonderful to hear updates on our members who haven't been to Lodge in a while and learn that they are healthy and doing well.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our Lodge. Let's make this spring season a memorable one, filled with camaraderie, friendship, and meaningful contributions to our Lodge community. Feel free to drop me an email or a message on my phone 314-753-3880. I keep a full schedule these days, but I will return your call.

Jose Hernandez
Noble Grand



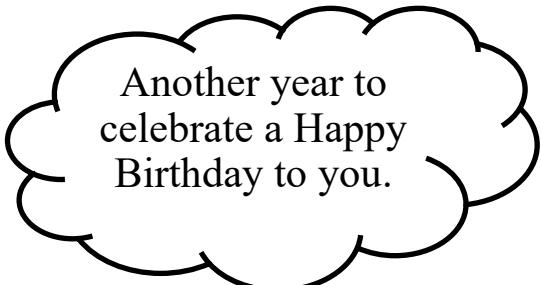
Visit Our Website

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

MAY		JUNE	
Francis Buchholz	4	Palmer Ash	8
Timothy David	10	Connie Curran	18
Walter Clifton	29	Nicholas Cichiolo	23
Donn Hornberger	12	Walter Sawicki	28
James Schmerold	13		
Bruce Boeckmann	15		
Craig Skinner	16		
John Caraker	20		
Peter Cauchon	20		
Elmer Kalal III	23		
Dennis Blast	28		
Marion Briggs	28		
Rodney Kleine	29		



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING

02/11/23	Francis Lavar	WINNER
02/18/23	Dennis Fetter	WINNER
02/25/23	Walter Clifton	WINNER
03/04/23	Craig Skinner	WINNER
03/11/23	Casey Brizendine	WINNER
03/18/23	John Siscel	WINNER
03/25/23	Jose Hernandez	WINNER
04/01/23	Larry Endicott	WINNER
04/08/23	John Siscel	WINNER
04/15/23	John Eckert	WINNER
04/22/23	Ray White	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 Endicott314-452-8989



MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS

ADDRESS CHANGES



None to Report

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



DO YOU KNOW THESE VETRANS

The below pictures are of just some of the military veterans that are/were members of our lodge. Can you name them? We sometimes forget that they have served our country in times of peace and war with honor.



Suspect No. 1



Suspect No. 2



Suspect No. 3



Suspect No. 4



Suspect No. 5



Suspect No. 6



Suspect No. 7



Editor's Note

I hope you like the title **SUSPECT**, that's because I know all of them and they have been named as suspects in something or another.

ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS

Suspect No. 1	William (Bill) Soutiea	Navy/Air Force
Suspect No. 2	Craig Skinner	Army
Suspect No. 3	Dennis Fetter	Air Force
Suspect No. 4	Harvey Soule	Army
Suspect No. 5	Pete Cauchon	Air Force
Suspect No. 6	Ray White	Army
Suspect No. 7	Richard (Dick) Smith	Navy

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Some people have undoubtedly changed plans for trips or vacations, and even day-trippers might encounter obstacles in their travel plans. In all likelihood, Memorial Day this year will be a bit more somber, a bit less exuberant than in times past. But maybe the shift in mood is a good thing. Maybe a quieter, more reflective Memorial Day is just what our nation needs.

A Brief History

Memorial Day was never intended as a holiday, but is instead that special day set aside to remember American military personnel who gave their lives for their country. It is the day when we pay homage to those whom Lincoln, in his Gettysburg Address, called "these honored dead." Decoration Day, as it was originally known, came into existence after the Civil War.

In 1966, Congress recognized Waterloo, New York, as the birthplace of Memorial Day. Three years after those citizens held the first Decoration Day, so-called because it was a time for decorating the graves of soldiers with flowers, Gen. John Logan in 1868 called for a national time of remembrance of the Civil War dead. Soon, other states adopted the idea, and eventually the dead from other wars were included in this day of recollection, although it wasn't until 1971 that Congress made Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday of May. While we may miss some of our usual festivities associated with Memorial Day, we have the opportunity to celebrate this holiday in a manner more in keeping with its intended purpose. Here are some ways we can honor those who laid their lives on the altar of freedom. Soon, other states adopted the idea, and eventually the dead from other wars were included in this day of recollection, although it wasn't until 1971 that Congress made Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday of May. While we may miss some of our usual festivities associated with Memorial Day, we have the opportunity to celebrate this holiday in a manner more in keeping with its intended purpose.





SAFETY COFFEE BREAK SEASON BEGINS

Well we finally got the OK from MoDot to hold our Safety Coffee Break Activities for the year 2023. they will be on the following dates

- Memorial Day; Monday, May 29, 2023
- Independence Day; Tuesday, July 4, 2023
- Labor day; Monday, September 4

Our first one will be on Monday, May 29, 2023 at the Bloomsdale Rest Area Northbound; 1-55 mile marker 160. Please come join us for a good time of being with lodge members and meeting and talking to our guest who stop by. The time is from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Hope to see you there.



REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR 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.

WHAT SOME SENIORS CITIZENS THINK



There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.

I'm responsible for what I say, not what you understand.

My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously there's a new strain out there.

It's not my age that bothers me; it's the side effects.

I'm not saying I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day.

As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: It will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy efficient.

I haven't gotten anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.

If you find yourself feeling useless, remember it took 20 years, trillions of dollars, and four presidents to replace the Taliban with the Taliban.

Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

I want to be 18 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.

So you've been eating hot dogs and McChicken all your life, but you won't take the vaccine because you don't know what's in it. Are you kidding me?

Sometimes God puts you in the same situation again to see if you're still a dumbass.



Mother's Day is the special time of the year when you get to celebrate your first best friend and the person you always turn to when you need advice. Mother's Day is also a great time to show your love for all the other wonderful women in your life. If you're looking for a way to show your mother, grandmother, or any other mother figure in your life how special you think they are. Now is the time.

On behalf of the members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5. We would like to wish all Mothers a Happy Mothers Day. We hope you will join us to celebrate Mothers Day on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 6:00pm. An of course we will have bingo for the ladies & guests.



Father's Day is the perfect time of year to celebrate the loving and caring men in you life. Come join us to celebrate Father's Day on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 6:00pm. We will have and a great dinner and there will be activity for the wife's and guest. Hope to see you there.

