



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.

October 21, 2023	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Pork Steaks, Pasta, Mix Vegetables Dessert, Salad, Bread, Soda, Coffee and Water
October 28, 2023	Initiatory Degree 7:00pm Refreshments – Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
November 4, 2023	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Polish Sausage, Sauerkrauts, Green Beans, Mash Potatoes, Dessert, Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water
November 11, 2023	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Chili, Hotdogs, Stringstring potatoes, Dessert, Rolls, Soda, Coffee and Water
<i>Rob your Neighbor</i> November 18, 2023	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Turkey, Dressing, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie, Soda, Coffee and Water
November 25, 2023	Morning Meeting 10:00 am Refreshments – Donuts & Danish Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
<i>Past Grand Night</i> December 2, 2023	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Steaks, Baked Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Soda, Coffee and Water
December 9, 2023	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Cold Cuts, Potato Chips Dessert, Soda, Coffee and Water
<i>Adult Christmas Party</i> December 16, 2023	Morning Meeting 10:00 am Refreshments – Breakfast Sandwiches Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
December 23, 2023	Morning Meeting 10:00 am Refreshments – Donuts & Danish Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water





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NOVEMBER—DECEMBER 2023



**OUR
LEGACY
IS
YOUR
FUTURE**



Jose Hernandez

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

As Secretary of this lodge, it became my duty to write obituaries for those who have passed into the next life. There is no way, no method, no grouping of words that can sum up a life time spent on this earth. The joys, the fears, the accomplishments, the disappointments and experiences of a lifetime would fill book shelves.

In time, memories fade, people whom we knew and were close to tend to become less and less thought about and as we pass, their memories pass with us. Yet there is one thing that remains, our legacy,

You are all aware of the passing of Brother Larry Sisco who passed away several years ago. In time he will be but all forgotten, but he leaves us with a proud legacy.

He was not interested in titles, honors or recognition. He was interested in promoting Odd Fellowship and keeping St. Louis Lodge No. 5 a viable and working lodge.

I'm sending this message with warm wishes, hoping that you're all in great health, high spirits, and brimming with wisdom. As we step into the enchanting embrace of fall, our lodge is gearing up for an incredibly vibrant and bustling season ahead.

With Thanksgiving, the Past Grands dinner, Christmas festivities, and the revival of degree work, our lodge is buzzing with excitement. But, dear members, we need your shining presence more than ever. Your lodge beckons you to step forward and become an integral part of our journey.

We have numerous roles that await your eager participation, some requiring only your presence at meetings. It's becoming increasingly challenging to fill all these important positions, and your support can make all the difference. Plus, on degree nights, your help in guiding new members through their journey is invaluable. The more members who join us, the smoother these ceremonies become.

Ever thought about taking on a speaking role in one of our degrees? Your willingness to contribute in any capacity, big or small, will be met with open arms and deep appreciation.

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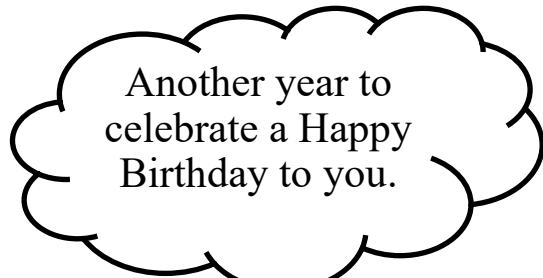
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

NOVEMBER

Matt Coriell	9
Robert Mayer Jr.	9
Robert Mayer Sr.	11
Joe Disper	12
Dennis Fetter	14
Louis Monken	18
Zachary Rogers	20
Michael Black	22
Brian Young	26
Eugene Davidson	29

DECEMBER

Eugene Burnett	1
Richard Aguilar	7
James Cauchon	9
Cameron Wicks	10
Stephen Carr Jr.	16
Bradford Gliedorst	24
Raymond Westhouse	26
Chris Jones	28
John Singer	30
Joshua Mayer	31
Luther McClellan	31



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING

8/5/23	Jeffrey Parrotte	WINNER
8/12/23	Francis LaVar	WINNER
8/19/23	Walter Clifton	WINNER
8/26/23	Richard Aguilar	WINNER
9/2/23	Bruce Boeckmann	WINNER
9/9/23	Rodney Kleine	WINNER
9/16/23	Charles Ems	WINNER
9/23/23	Richard Aguilar	WINNER
9/30/23	Richard Roesch	WINNER
10/7/23	Richard Roesch	WINNER
10/14/23	Jose Hernandez	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

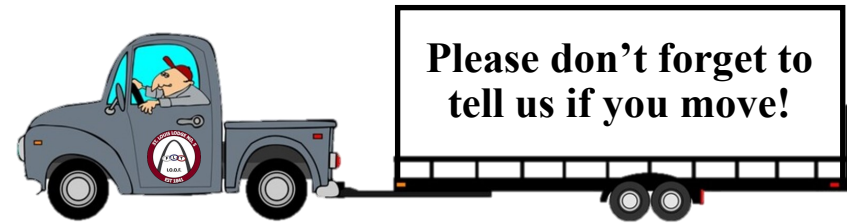
Special Relief Committee

- Richard Aguilar.....314-644-1126
- Craig A. Skinner.....314-839-3081
- Larry Endicott314-452-8989



MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS

ADDRESS CHANGES



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



OLD WOMAN AND A GUNSLINGER

An old woman walked up and tied her old mule to the hitching post. As she stood there, brushing some of the dust from her face and clothes, a young gunslinger stepped out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other. He looked at the woman and laughed, "Hey old woman, have you ever danced?"

The woman looked up at the gunslinger and said, "No ... I never did dance ... Never really wanted to." A crowd had gathered as the young gunslinger grinned and said, "Well you old bag, you're gonna dance now!", and started shooting at the old woman's feet. The old woman prospector - not wanting to have her toes blown off, started hopping around. Many were laughing. When his last bullet was fired, the gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon.

The old woman turned to her pack mule, pulled out a double-barreled shotgun and cocked both hammers. The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air, and the crowd immediately stopped laughing.

The gunslinger heard the sounds too and turned around very slowly. The silence was almost deafening. The crowd watched tensely as he stared at the woman and the large gaping holes of those twin barrels. The barrels of the shotgun never wavered in her hands as she quietly said, "Son, have you ever kissed a mule's ass?"

The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "No ma'am, but I've always wanted to."

THERE ARE FIVE LESSONS HERE FOR ALL OF US:

- 1 - Never be arrogant.
- 2 - Don't waste ammunition.
- 3 - Whiskey makes you think you're smarter than you are.
- 4 - Always make sure you know who has the power.
- 5 - Don't mess with old people; they didn't get old by being stupid."

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I wholeheartedly encourage you to rise to the occasion and join hands with us to strengthen our beloved lodge. Exciting news! We've added some exciting events to our calendar this year and next. There's another thrilling bowling event on the horizon, and in early 2024, we'll come together for a magnificent spring banquet. Make sure to mark your calendars for the kids' Christmas party, the Thanksgiving banquet, and the festive adults' Christmas party. These additions, along with the recent addition of a new flagpole, bode exceptionally well for the future of our lodge.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. May this season be filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments. Thank you for being the heart and soul of our lodge. Your commitment and enthusiasm shine brightly, and together, we'll make this season and the future truly remarkable.

Yours truly
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**



On behalf of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 and Wildey Lodge No. 2 (Independent Order of Odd Fellows). The members would like to congratulate Brother Bill Woods, Brother Todd Will of (St. Louis Lodge No. 5) and Sister Joan Eckert of (Wildey Lodge No. 2) for obtaining their Third Degree.

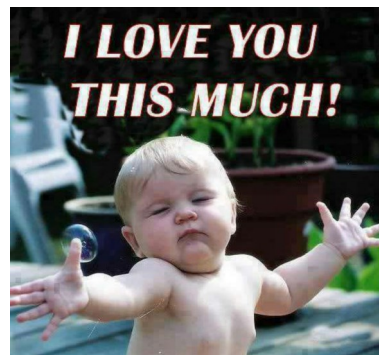
We are glad to have you join Odd Fellows.



Oh It's 2 AM,
everyone is sleeping



Perfect time to cry out
loud & wake everyone up
ohyaaro.com



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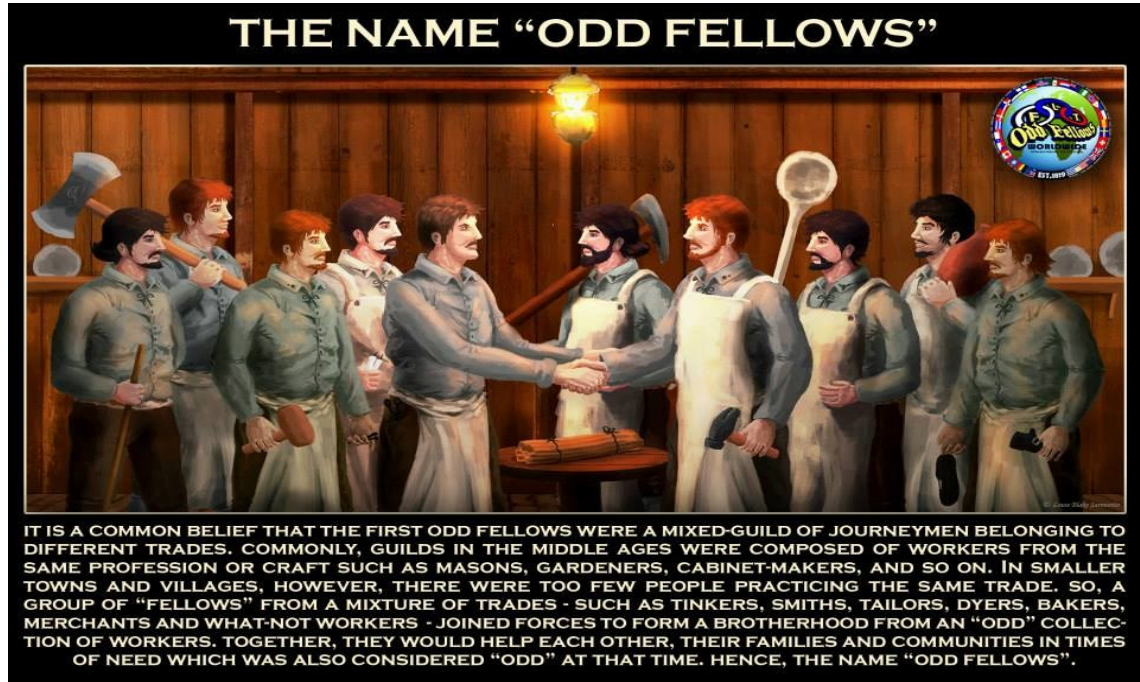
There have been a handful of past members who can be compared with Sisco's work and dedication. Brother Frank McCormick comes to mind who served this lodge as Secretary for over 50 years. Brother Oliver Heitmann who was Brother Sisco's predecessor as Financial Secretary serving for over 35 years. Brother John Rolando who had a fantastic memory and knew all of the degree work, both in Lodge No 5 and Grand Lodge.

He also, when in his late 70's, went to the Odd Fellows Cemetery in South St. Louis and cut grass with a gas lawn mower by himself as no one else had volunteered. There are probably a lot of others whom I have no recollection of but served this lodge well and often. As I stated previously time moves on and memories fade. These brothers leave a legacy of dedication, hard work and self-sacrifice, the benefits of which we enjoy today.

They led by example and showed us the way, they earned our respect, not demanding it. We as Odd Fellows pay honor to that legacy, they left by putting aside our differences, our own interests and do them honor by following their example. We could not find nor ask for a better legacy, but it too is slowly starting to fade away.

Robert J. Mayer Sr.
Secretary





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.

ANNUAL PICNIC

On August 19, 2023, at Bee Tree Park. St. Louis Lodge No. 5 members and their guests enjoyed a day of fun and relaxing at our annual picnic. The weather was great. The food was great. Overall it was a day that was enjoyed by all. Below are a few pictures of the members and guest having a good time. Hope to see you next year.





St. Louis Lodge No. 5
Will Celebrates it's
annual
**CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**
On December 9, 2023
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.,
Christmas Party starts at noon.
Breakfast Buffet will be
provided at the Christmas Party.
Location
Andre's West, 211
South Old Hwy 141,
Fenton, Mo 63026.



St. Louis Lodge No. 5
SEND OF THE YEAR
**BOWLING
TOURNAMENT**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023
SUNSET LANES
7777 Watson Rd. St. Louis, Mo.
CHECK IN IS AT 12:30 P.M.
PRATICE BEGINS AT 12:50 P.M.
GAMES BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M.
Free
Sandwiches
Soft Drinks
Provided
To Register and Find More Information:
contact Larry Endicott at (314) 452-8989