



### 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.

July 6, 2024	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Breakfast Sandwiches, Hash Brown Potatoes Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
July 13, 2024	<b>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Red/White Pasta, Salad Soda, Coffee and Water
July 20, 2024	<b>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Polish Sausage with Sauerkraut, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Soda, Coffee and Water
July 27, 2024	<b>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</b> <b>Refreshments</b> - Sloppy Joes, Shoe String Potatoes Chips Soda, Coffee and Water
August 3, 2024	<b>Initiatory Degree 7:00pm</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Fried Chicken, Coleslaw, Potato Salad Soda, Coffee and Water
August 10, 2024	<b>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Hoagie Sandwiches, Chips Soda, Coffee and Water
August 17, 2024	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Donuts, Danishes Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
August 24, 2024	<b>Regular Meeting 7:00pm</b> <b>Refreshments</b> – Beef Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Soda, Coffee and Water
August 31, 2024	<b>Morning Meeting 10:00 am</b> <b>Refreshments</b> — Breakfast Sandwiches, (Burger King), Hash Brown Potatoes, Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water



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JULY - AUGUST 2024



### The Soldier Who Saved Just "One More"

February 7, 2019, marks 100 years since Desmond Thomas Doss's birth in Lynchburg, Virginia. Doss, who passed away in 2006, grew up to be one of the greatest examples of love and kindness of the century as he served as an unarmed U.S. Army medic in World War II. Not many would go into the bloodiest battle of the war without a weapon. Armed only with his faith and a prayer, the story of his courage and conviction is now known by millions, thanks to Mel Gibson's movie, *Hacksaw Ridge*.

Doss didn't set out to be a hero, but his story shows how faith, love, and patriotism can change the world. (Just ask the families of the men he saved.) A retreat was ordered during the battle on Hacksaw Ridge, Okinawa, Japan.

But Doss refused to leave the wounded on the battlefield. He went back into the firefight to just save *one*. Then he went back again and again. Doss knew he couldn't win the war by himself, but he could at least try to save one life at a time, including the very men who hated and distained him because of his faith and values. On that day, Doss saved at least 75 men.

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Francis LaVar

### A Message From Our Noble Grand Officers and Members

Welcome to summer, hope all is well. Welcome to our newest members! Three new members have joined us since March of this year. Lets keep up the good work!

Our recent safety coffee break went well and we have another on the upcoming July fourth. On Saturday, June 15, 2024 we held a BBQ, for First Responders. We provided lunches for local fire departments and police in the area. We plan to hold another BBQ event in the fall.

There are also plans in the works to have a vehicle in the Webster Groves Community Days parade with our logos to get the word out about our fraternity. In August we will be having our annual banquet and plans are being made to have our lodge participate in a degree rally with other lodges in the state this fall.

Keep attending the meetings and participate in the degree work!

Stay safe!  
Francis X. LaVar  
Noble Grand

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

JULY		AUGUST	
Glen Robinson	3	Rick Bayer	3
Kenneth David	4	Michael Moran	16
Jeffrey Parrotte	7	J.T. Taylor	27
Darrel Curtis	13	Charles Alexander	29
Jeffrey Pedroley	16	Michael Campbell	31
Adam Schroeder	18	Stephen Marquard	31
Mark Schultheis	20	Carl Oberle	31
Thomas Kreyling	24		
Philip Cole	30		

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 Cauchon .....314-772-9399

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  
**Financial Secretary**  
Larry Endicott..... 314-452-8989  
**Treasurer**  
Jeffrey A. Parrotte.....314-751-3138

Special Relief Committee

Richard Aguilar .....314-644-1126  
Charles Whisenhunt.....314-494-9416  
Larry Endicott .....314-452-8989



MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS

ADDRESS CHANGES



New Address

Mrs. Michelle Briggs  
4333 Chippewa St. Apt. 5  
St. Louis, Mo. 63116

Tim David  
3975 Upper Plattin Rd.  
DeSoto, Mo. 63020

Wyatt Wooden  
3411 Humphrey St.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63118

DON'T FORGET

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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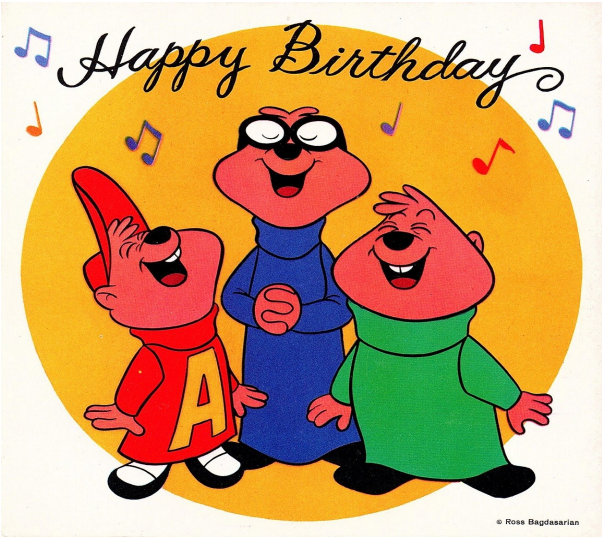
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CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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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## CONVICTION AND COURAGE

Desmond's stance on keeping the Sabbath and refusing arms angered his commanding officers. His fellow soldiers thought his behavior odd and they bullied him. But Doss stayed true to his convictions. Eventually, he was allowed to serve as a medic and not carry a gun.

Doss became the first conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor without firing a single shot. Out of more than 3,500 heroic individuals to be awarded the Medal of Honor for "above and beyond the call of duty, only his citation reads, "***FAR*** above and beyond the call of duty." For Doss' heroics on the battlefield, President Harry Truman awarded Cpl. Desmond Doss the Medal of Honor, America's highest award for courage under fire and risking his life to save the lives of his fellow soldiers.

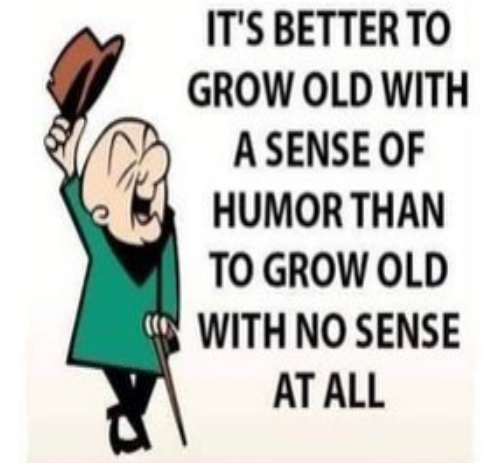
In 12 hours, Doss accomplished more than just saving 75 men; his actions have touched and changed millions of people around the world. He will continue to be admired and respected for generations.

## JUST ONE MORE

There's a real spiritual battle taking place in the world. Like Doss, we are also on enemy territory. Jesus asks us to fulfill "the Great Commission" by making disciples from every nation, tribe, and language. Doing this might seem hard for many of us. Instead of being overwhelmed by the task, however, what if we were to pray the simple prayer of Desmond Doss, "Lord, please help me get one more," as we find ways to play a small part in God's great rescue operation? Like Desmond, each of us can make a difference in someone's life. Stand up for those who are bullied. Befriend people who are lonely. Encourage those who are down. Serve people in need. Forgive those who wrong you. Live like Doss, who lived like Jesus.

In a world where there is so much hatred, there is no better way to change the world, except helping to change one life at a time and making a difference in the lives of our fellow humans. If someone such as Desmond Doss can make a difference, we can too.

**Who is your *one more* ?**



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





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## TEACHER VS STUDENT



### FIRST RESPONDERS BBQ



#### Lunch on Us!

On June 15, St. Louis Lodge No. 5, I.O.O.F. will honor local police, firefighters, and EMS for their service to Fenton, Missouri and the surrounding areas.

#### INCLUDED:

Burger, Brat, Hot dog (BBQ sauce included) along with potato salad and macaroni salad.

#### RSVP:

Contact Larry Endicott at (314)-452-8989 by June 12. Indicate the number of meals needed for your station. Direct any questions to Larry Endicott.

Meals will be delivered between  
11 AM and 12 PM.

### GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

On Saturday, June 15, 2024. St. Louis Lodge No. 5 held it's first ever BBQ Lunch for First Responders. Members from St. Louis Lodge No. 5 and Wildey Lodge No. 2 joined together to prepare and provide BBQ Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Brats along with Potato Salad and Classic Macaroni Salad to members of the surrounding Fire Departments, Police Departments and Ambulance Services.

This was an opportunity for the members to meet and interact with first responders and let them know who we are and that we care. We had a good turn out of members from both lodges.

Overall the program was a big success. We hope to do this again in the future. A big thank you to all the members who helped.



Teacher: How old is your father?

Kid: He is 6 years.

Teacher: What? How is this possible?

Kid: He became father only when I was born.

(Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I love this child.)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir; It's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher.





## CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT



A Florida Woman Stops Alligator Attack Using a small .22 caliber Ruger Pistol." Another good reason to have a concealed weapons permit.

This is a story of self-control and marksmanship by a brave, cool-headed woman with a small pistol against a fierce predator. Here's her story in her own words: "While walking along the edge of a pond just outside my house in the Villages discussing a property settlement with my soon-to-be

ex-husband, and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 12-ft alligator which suddenly emerged from the murky water.

It began charging us with its large jaws wide open. She must have been protecting her nest because she was extremely aggressive. "If I had not had my little Ruger 22 caliber pistol with me, I would not be here today. Just one shot to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took. The gator got him easily, and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace. The amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible and his life insurance was also a big bonus !!"



## 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.



A vibrant bowling tournament poster. At the top, a diamond-shaped sign with a red border and white lights contains the word "BOWLING" in yellow circles and "TOURNAMENT" in red letters. Below the sign, several bowling pins are shown in motion, with a blue bowling ball in the foreground. The text "ST. LOUIS NO. 5" is written in large, yellow, stylized letters across the pins. At the bottom, a black banner contains the event details in white and yellow text.

**SUNDAY, July 14, 2024**  
7777 Watson Rd. St. Louis, Mo. Practice will start at 12:50pm and the tournament will begin at 1:00 P.M.



# UPCOMING SAFETY COFFEE BREAK



Well it's that time again for us to come together and gather at the Bloomsdale Rest Area, Northbound; 155 mile marker 160 to have fun and provide another Safety Coffee Break activity.

On Thursday, July 4, 2024. St. Louis Lodge No. 5 will meet and greet Motorist who stop at the above rest stop. We will meet at 9:00 am to setup and will be done around 2:30 pm. Our goal is to provide a quick snack (hotdogs, cold drinks and popcorn) to the drivers and passengers. If your available, we can use your help.

Hope to see you there.....



# ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. 5 ANNUAL BANQUET

2024



ANDRE'S BANQUET CENTER  
4254 Telegraph Rd,  
St. Louis, MO 63129

**AUGUST 17, 2024**

Members will soon be receiving a letter in the mail with information pertaining to the banquet as well as a ticket request form. Please return your ticket request form as soon as possible. This helps us to plan the meals and finalize the details. After receiving the upcoming letter if you have any questions or concerns please call Brother Larry Endicott at 314-452-8989. Hope to see you there.....