



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.	
November 2, 2024	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments – Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad Bunds Soda, Coffee, and Water
November 9, 2024	Regular Meeting 10:00 am Refreshments – Chili Cook Off, Corn Bread will be provided Soda, Coffee and Water
November 16, 2024	Regular Meeting 7:00 pm Refreshments Flat/lunch meat, Cheese, Shoe String Potatoes Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Soda, Coffee and Water
Trivia Night November 23, 2024	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments - Thanksgiving Dinner Soda, Coffee and Water
November 30, 2024	Morning Meeting 10:00 am Refreshments – Breakfast Burrito, Hash Brown Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
Past Grand Night December 7, 2024	Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm Refreshments Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Soda, Coffee and Water
December 14, 2024	Regular Meeting 7:00pm Refreshments - Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad Soda, Coffee and Water
Christmas Party December 21, 2024	(Christmas Party) Regular Meeting 7:00pm (Charity Program) Refreshments – Ham, Roast Beef, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Cake, Soda, Coffee and Water
December 28, 2024	Morning Meeting 10:00 am Refreshments – Donuts and Danish Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water



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A SIMPLE ACT OF KINDNESS

In a bustling city park, an elderly woman named Margaret sat alone on a bench, her eyes filled with sorrow. The world seemed to pass her by, and she felt invisible, lost in her thoughts of a life that once was. Her beloved husband had recently passed away, leaving her feeling empty and disconnected from the world around her. One sunny afternoon, a young girl named Lily skipped through the park, her laughter ringing out like a melody. As she passed Margaret's bench, Lily noticed the sadness on the woman's face. Without hesitation, the little girl approached Margaret and asked, "Why are you so sad?" Surprised by the child's question, Margaret shared her story of loss and loneliness. Lily listened intently, her young heart filled with compassion. From that moment on, Lily made it her mission to bring joy back into Margaret's life. Every day after school, Lily would visit Margaret in the park. They would talk, laugh, and share stories of their lives. Margaret began to look forward to these meetings, feeling a renewed sense of purpose and connection. Lily's simple act of kindness had become a lifeline, pulling Margaret out of her despair.



A Message From Our Noble Grand Officers and Members

Hello all!

Hope all who attended enjoyed the recent picnic. The weather was fine and the food was good! Next years picnic will be held at Suson Park off Tesson Ferry. Our degree work continues, and we look forward for new candidates! Plans are in the works for the remodel of the regalia room to be completed by December. December also brings up Past Grand Night and election of officers. In addition to the children's Christmas party there is the Lodge Christmas dinner. Busy month!

Stay safe, it's a jungle out there!

Francis X. LaVar
Noble Grand

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Robert Mayer Jr9	Richard Aguilar7
Robert Mayer Sr.11	James Cauchon9
Dennis Fetter14	Cameron Wicks10
Lou Monken18	Stephen Carr Jr.16
Zachary Rogers20	Bradford Glieforst24
Michael Black22	Ray Westhouse26
Brian Young26	John Singer30
Eugene Davidson29	Joshua Mayer31
	Luther Mc Clellan31

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DRAWING

8/3/24	Francis Lavar	WINNER
8/10/24	Larry Endicott	WINNER
8/17/24	Francis Lavar	WINNER
8/24/24	Charles Whisenhunt	WINNER
8/31/24	Walter Clifton	WINNER
9/7/24	Larry Endicott	WINNER
9/14/24	Kevin Smith	WINNER
9/21/24	Larry Endicott	WINNER
9/28/24	Francis Lavar	WINNER
10/5/24	Charles Whisenhunt	WINNER
10/12/24	John Siscel	WINNER

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

Sick and Shut-ins

Lou Monken.....314-892-4825

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
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Jeffrey A. Parrotte.....314-751-3138

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Richard Aguilar314-644-1126
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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.
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Beware of Signs



A Priest and a Rabbi are standing next to the side of the road holding up a large sign that reads, " The end is near" Turn around now before it's too late".

A passing driver yells, " You guys are nuts!" and speeds past them. From around the curve they hear screeching tires- then a big splash. The priest turns to the Rabbi and says, "Do you think we should just have put up a sign that says, Bridge out instead?"

Compliments of Thomas Moser

Things to think about



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Lily learned valuable lessons from Margaret's life experiences as their friendship grew. Lily's youthful enthusiasm and love for life reignited a spark within Margaret's heart. Together, they discovered that age was no barrier to friendship and that a helping hand could come from the most unexpected places

Weeks turned into months, and Margaret's world began to shine brighter. Lily's family embraced Margaret as their own, inviting her to dinners and family gatherings. The once lonely widow now had a loving support system, all thanks to a little girl's compassion.

This inspiring story reminds us that a simple act of kindness can change someone's life. By reaching out to those in need, we can bring light into their darkest days and create meaningful connections that transcend age and circumstances. Lily's compassion and Margaret's resilience demonstrate the power of human connection and the importance of lending a helping hand to those who are struggling.

Moral of the story:

Reach out to those in need, for a simple act of kindness can bring light to their darkest days.



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

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

And, my very favorite....

QUESTION: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday through Friday, NOTHING. Saturday & Sunday, I rest.





Once upon a time, there was a young kid named Rohit. He came from an impoverished family. He was passing through the forest carrying some timber one day. He came to an elderly man who was starving. Rohit wanted to feed him, but he didn't have enough food for himself. As a result, he continued on his journey. On his journey, he came upon a thirsty deer. He wanted to give him some water, but he couldn't since he didn't have any. As a result, he continued on his journey. Then he came upon a man who wanted to set up his camp but didn't have any woods. Rohit inquired about his condition and handed him some wood. He offered him some food and drink in exchange. He returned to the elderly man and fed him, as well as giving the deer some water.

The deer and the elderly man were overjoyed. Rohit then cheerfully continued on his journey. Rohit, on the other hand, slid down the slope one day. He was in excruciating pain, but he couldn't move and no one could help him. However, when the old guy he had previously assisted noticed him, he promptly approached and hauled him up the slope. His legs were riddled with wounds. When the deer whom Rohit had given water noticed his wounds, he dashed to the forest and returned with some plants. His wounds were covered after a while. They were all ecstatic that they were able to assist one another.

MORAL OF THE STORY

If you help others, they will help you. When we are in need, all of the love and assistance we provide to others will undoubtedly come back to us tenfold. So, always strive to assist your fellow man/woman in making the world a better place to live.



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.



By Bro. Casey 'Briz' Brizendine



Greetings Odd Fellow Brethren! I hope this message finds you well. The Odd Fellow Minute is designed for Educational purposes to give wisdom and understanding about the symbols of Odd Fellowship. In this issue of the Link-N-Lines we will discuss the symbol of the Skull and Crossbones.

The skull and crossbones are a nearly universal symbol for death. They are associated with the Latin phrase "Memento Mori," translated as "Remember your end," which instructs the hearer to consider their final fate and live their life accordingly. Death is the universal fate of all living things. Although an individual may take many roads in life, they will all ultimately reach the same destination. Once this destination has been reached, all that is left is bones and dust. The crossed femur bones, which come from the legs, allude to this final journey. Simultaneously, the skull that houses the brain is the seat of the personality which also vanishes from the world when the mortal coil is left behind. The femur bones are crossed in reference to the ancient posture of meditation, representing the enlightenment that may be attained through the embrace and acceptance of death.

In Odd Fellowship, this symbol also reinforces the age-old command to bury the dead, remembering the deceased virtues while burying their imperfections together with their physical remains. May we always remember that the All Seeing Eye of the Great Architect is always upon us. In Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Brother Casey Brizendine

