

## Refreshments and Activity

<b>Refreshments and Activities at Your Lodge</b> <b>All refreshments served at 6:30 P.M. except when otherwise noted</b> <b>All meetings are at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted</b> <b>All menus are subject to change</b>	
October 19, 2019	<u><b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Chili 3-ways or anyway Crackers, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
October 26, 2019	<u><b>Third Degree 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Pizza, Salad Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
November 2, 2019	<u><b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Cannelloni with Red & White Sauce Bread, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
November 9, 2019	<u><b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Beef Stew with Potatoes, Green Beans French Bread, Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
November 16, 2019	<u><b>Initiatory Degree 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Fried Chicken, Coleslaw, Potato Salad Rolls, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
November 23, 2019	<u><b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Thanksgiving Dinner Dessert, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water
November 30, 2019	<u><b>Morning Meeting 9:00am</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Sam & Craig's Breakfast Special Milk, Orange Juice, Soda, Coffee and Water
December 7, 2019	<u><b>Regular Meeting 7:30pm</b></u> <b>Refreshments</b> – Cold Cuts with Cheese Sandwiches, Shoe String Patote Chips, Soda, Tea, Coffee, and Water





# LINK-N-LINES





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ST. LOUIS LODGE NO. .5, I.O.O.F. 3765 LINDELL BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO. 63108-3411
November - December 2019



**Robert Mayer Sr.**  
Lodge Secretary

### WHAT HAPPENED ??

In the years that I have been a member of the Odd Fellows of Missouri, I have seen lodges consolidate, surrender charters or just plain close. There are many thoughts of what happened to these lodges, now what really happened to them?

The biggest problems Missouri lodges have are a lack of membership to maintain the lodge and finances to pay the bills to keep the doors open and to fund activities. Many members and former members in rural Missouri are hard pressed just to pay their bills at home let alone pay dues. Members who belong to financially secure lodges but don't attend have many reasons for not attending. It's on a day that's inconvenient, or they don't like the present officers, they don't feel they are part of the lodge, meetings are boring, the lodge really doesn't do anything, and so on. So, let's look at some of the things that are affecting lodge attendance.

MEETINGS; who wants to go to a meeting that's boring with no real organization. Who wants to attend a meeting where the presiding officer doesn't know how or what to do? The lodge members get into a shouting match or become insulting or belligerent.

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### A Message From Our Noble Grand

### Officers and Members

**G**reetings members! I hope that this message finds you healthy, happy, wise. Fall is upon us. We are about to enter a very busy time at lodge. Thanksgiving, Past Grands dinner, Christmas and we have started back up degree work.

Your Lodge needs you. We need members to regularly attend meetings and become officers. There are many positions that only require that you attend meetings often. It is getting harder and harder to fill all of the positions.

We also could use your help on degree nights in order to bring new members up through the degrees. The more members that attend, the easier it is to put on the degrees. You can volunteer to learn a speaking part in one of the degrees. All help will be appreciated. I urge you to rise up to the challenge and help our lodge.

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A meeting that is well ran, with Roberts Rules of Order prevailing, with business taken care of in an orderly manner, where members can look back and know what had been done without confusion, where members can take pride in being a member because they participated. In most organizations and large companies today, one of the very first things that is done is to establish a mission statement and a purpose statement. Sounds a little silly but it gives people a reference point of where they are and supposed to be, along with what they are supposed to be doing. The Odd Fellows have a mission statement and purpose although many think its outdated and not needed in today's society. To visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan is our mission statement. It's our starting and reference point that we have drifted so far away from. Our purpose is to elevate the character of man and impue him with proper conceptions of his capability for good. We do this through our degree work, again its purpose we have drifted so far away from.

The real problems in a lodge starts when it becomes more of a social club rather than a functional fraternal order. Where short cuts are taken because members want the meeting to be over as soon as possible. Where, compromise of a rule or regulation is done because the rule is not to our liking or is burdensome. As part of the social order, appropriate dress is pushed to the wayside, members talk amongst themselves during meetings causing distractions. Rituals become a thing of the past as they are not understood nor learned. Meetings are no longer meaningful; the presiding officer doesn't know or doesn't want to know how to bring order into a meeting. As attendance falls off the meeting dates are becoming fewer and fewer, the treasury suffers as dues are no longer collected, the lodge funds start to become less and less as no one is really watching them. The members who were the backbone of the lodge start to die off with no one to take their place. Then the expected happens, the lodge closes and no one really understands why. Can it happen here, to Lodge No 5? Don't kid yourself, we are already on the downward slope like so many other lodges before us. As it says in the ritual, "Take Heed and Be Wise."

THINK ABOUT IT!!!!  
Bob Mayer Sr.



### Did you know (Facts about St. Louis)

The St. Louis Muni is the first and largest outdoor musical theater in the United States.

The Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales were originally a gift from August Busch to his father to celebrate the end of prohibition.

St. Louisans' consume more barbeque sauce per capita than any other city in the United States.

At the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair the ice cream cone was invented when an ice cream vendor ran out of cups and asked a waffle vendor to help with rolled up waffles!

Peanut Butter was invented in St. Louis during a visit from George Carver.



# ATTENTION MEMBERS



The Financial Secretary has requested that we remind the members, that Lodge Dues will be due on January 1, 2020 and must be paid. Our annual dues are \$40.00 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:) Your annual dues contribution helps support the lodge. So remember to

**PAY YOUR DUES.** If you are having financial problems paying your dues, please contact Charles Whisenhunt for further information at 314-353-3542.

**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 at approximately 6:00 pm so that he can give you the attention needed.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## CONGRADULATION

Ernie Rogers recently celebrated his 97th birthday and is still going strong. Barry (his son) brings Ernie to meetings when possible.



Barry and Ernie Rogers

Let all wish Ernie a Very Happy Birthday and hope that he continues to have many more. Thanks Ernie for sharing your time with us. Ernie have been a member for 26 years.

## WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

One day a man saw an old lady, stranded on the side of the road, but even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her. Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe; he looked poor and hungry. He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was those chills which only fear can put in you. He said, "I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson." Well, all she had was a flat tire, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two.

Soon he was able to change the tire. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt. As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid. Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. The lady asked how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty, who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way. He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added, "And think of me." He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down the road the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to grab a bite to eat, and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her. The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn't erase. The lady noticed the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan.

After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for her hundred dollar bill, but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something written on the napkin.

There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: "You don't owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do, do not let this chain of love end with you." Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills.

Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard... She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, "Everything's going to be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson."

There is an old saying "What goes around comes around."

# Defective Detective

By Martin Filchock

How many differences can you find between these two pictures?



**Answers:** 1. Mom's ladle 2. Coffee pot 3. Stove burner 4. Stove pipe 5. Curtains 6. Dresser 7. Girl's hair ribbon 8. Rug 9. Ball 10. Mom's shoes 11. Boy's cap 12. Table cloth 13. Soda can 14. Boy's book 15. Chair at table 16. Mom's hair ribbon 17. "Yeah" and "Yes" 18. "Whiz" and "Whizz" 19. "Home work" and "School work" ... Can you find more?

## DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS ADDITIONAL DEGREES OF OUR ORDER

As a third degree member (one who has received the initiatory degree and all 3 degrees of Odd Fellowship) you are entitled to seek out the other degrees of our Order and are admonished to do so when you receive the 3rd degree of Truth. The other degrees are the **Rebekah Degree**, the Encampment or **Patriarchal Degrees** and after acquiring the Encampment Degrees, one may receive the **Patriarchs Militant Degree** also known as the Canton.



### Odd Fellows Creed

**Genuine Friendship**, which hears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, is the first step toward progress and personal enrichment, and the teachings of Temperance, Prudence, and Justice.

**Love** is the basis for all life's ambitions, service to humanity, and more family oriented.

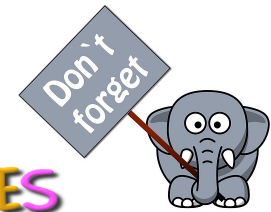
**Truth**, the imperial virtue, promotes economic stability, equality under law, freedom of enterprise, the highest of ethical standards, and lasting peace, the ultimate goal of fraternity.



### *Upcoming Events*



## IMPORTANT DATES



<b>October 26, 2019</b>	Third Degree	7:30 pm
<b>November 16, 2019</b>	Initiatory Degree	7:30 pm
<b>November 23, 2019</b>	Thanksgiving Dinner Members & Guests	6:30 pm
<b>December 7, 2019</b>	Children's Christmas Party	11:00 am



## RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

### Dates for 2020

- Monday, May 18, 2020
- Friday, July 17, 2020
- Friday, September 4, 2020
- Thursday, October 15, 2020



Ronald McDonald House Charities for the Family Dinner Program! This program is a way of being able to provide a hot meal or a quick snack is one of the most important ways we can help those we serve, feel they are truly staying at their home-away-from-home. Having one less worry (a decision on where to eat dinner) is a valuable benefit to families who are focusing all of their energies on their sick child. Brother Gio Mangiore who has been tasked with coordinating the dates for St. Louis lodge No. 5 to provide meals. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Brother Gio for further information.



New Lodge Pin



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



## RECENT ACTIVITY

On Saturday, October 5, 2019 members of St. Louis Lodge No. 5 and their guests visited the Missouri Civil War Museum located at the historic Jefferson Barracks. The visit was not only a look into our past, but a history lesson into the people involved. This Museum is dedicated to preserving the artifacts that were used during the Civil War. The staff was great and very knowledgeable.



Missouri Military Memorial



Entrance to Civil War Museum



Odd Fellows Memmbers



Odd Fellows Robes from Civil War Time



First Floor of Museum



Members with Odd Fellows Robes



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



*Please join us for*



# THANKSGIVING DINNER

on

*Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm*

3765 LINDELL BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO. 63108-3411



**St. Louis Lodge No. 5 (IOOF)**

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SHOW, TREATS & VISIT WITH SANTA

**Saturday December 7, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.**

Rose Hill Masonic Temple  
11122 Olive Blvd. Creve Coeur, Mo. 63141

