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### BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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#### 2018 Friday lunch schedule

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at Super Buffet

If there are 5 Fridays in the month, lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> is at Lydia's in Bridgman  
Last 2 Fridays at Galley Grille  
Business meeting – last Friday

2019 is starting off as a good year.  
Calendar sales are still going on and we had our first drawings.  
Thank you to all who sold calendars. Looking ahead:  
Queens' trip to Chicago Shrine Hospital on **April 24**.

Corn and Brat Roast on **July 30**.

Divan and Ladies Night Dinner on **September 18**.

Red Fez Dinner and Installation of Officers on **December 11**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> Lunch at Lydia's**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Regular at Galley Grill**

**April 24 Queens Trip, please make reservations with Jim.**

**April 26 Regular at Galley Grill**

**Fraternally, Ron Price, President**



### THREE OAKS LODGE No. 239 F. and A.M.

WM Ron Price 269-756-3969  
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Sec'y Scott Tavernier 269-277-2009

#### Brothers,

Thank you for coming to our FC Degree last month. We have a lot going on.  
March 16 at 1pm is a MM Degree with a festive Board after. Good times for all.

Our April Regular is April 1st at 7:30pm dinner at 6:30pm. This is not a joke. I hope to see many Brothers at Three Oaks 239.

**16<sup>th</sup> MM Degree – Degree @ 1PM, Festive Board to follow.**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting**

**Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30**

**See you at lodge.**

**WM Ron Price**



### LAKESHORE LODGE No. 298 F. and A.M.

WM Ray Alderdice 269-470-5500  
SW Tony Staggs 269-217-9454  
Sec'y Jeff Keehn, PM 269-208-8710

Dear Brothers,

Well brothers I can see spring on the horizon. I would like to thank Dave VanAntwerp for providing delicious dinners for the month of March. Lakeshore Lodge meets on the first Monday of the month, except holiday. Dinner and fellowship at 6:30 PM and lodge opens at 7:30 PM. All masons are welcome.

March 18<sup>th</sup> Fellowship

March 25<sup>th</sup> Fellowship

April 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Business Meeting

April 8<sup>th</sup> Fellowship

April 15<sup>th</sup> Fellowship

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Fellowship

April 29<sup>th</sup> Fellowship

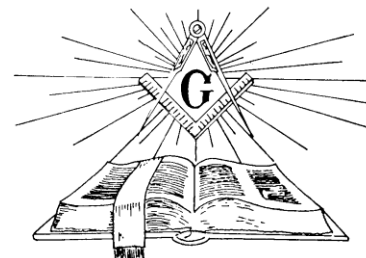
Jeff Keehn – Secretary,  
Lakeshore Lodge 298

**The MAY 2019**  
Newsletter deadline is  
**APRIL 10, 2019**

Please do not be late.  
e-mail article to

[TheMasonicNews@Yahoo.com](mailto:TheMasonicNews@Yahoo.com)

**NATIONAL SOJOURNERS' CLUB**  
Regular– 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 11:30 AM at the  
Super Buffet.  
All military veteran Masons welcome.





**SAINT JOSEPH LODGE No. 437**

F. and A.M.

WM Jerry Sirk (269) 934-7475  
Sec'y Stuart Fenton 269-369-7835

**Brothers,**

I hope that the cold weather and excess snow are over for this season.

As most of you know, many members of 437 are employees at the Cook Nuclear Plant. The first of March the Cook plant started an 80 day outage. I am very thankful that we have a large number of Past Masters who are willing to step up to assist in opening the lodge. A special thanks to PM, Mike Hamilton; PM, Jim Elliot; PM, Ron Ingram; PM, Jeffery Keefer; and PM, Richard Murphy for agreeing to help out.

At our March meeting Brother Joe Selter completed his proficiency for the Fellowcraft degree. We are now planning, so that he may be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. We are seeking additional brothers willing to assist with that Degree. It is important to note that Brother Selter is a Cook employee and his degree will need to be scheduled around his work schedule. Over the next few months we may schedule several practice sessions to prepare for this degree. Brothers interested in assisting should contact WM Jerry Sirk 269-470-0736

St Joseph Lodge #437, meets on the first Tuesday of each month, dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00. All Masons welcome 3661 Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022.  
Fraternally, Jerry Sirk, WM



**AMERICA CHAPTER No. 234**

**O.E.S.**

WM Deborah Lightner 269 779-0185  
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- March 20 6:30 Honor SWDA
- Apr 3 6pm meal (Ann,Sally & Shirlee),  
7pm business mtg
- Apr 13 10am brunch @ Country  
Kitchen
- Apr 17 6pm light refreshments/  
Protem Initiation
- May 1 6pm meal (Sue, Brian & Vicki)  
7pm Business Mtg.

It is great to be back and picking up where we left off in December! I for one am ready for Spring and all of the activity that it brings!!

Thank you, Sisters & Brothers, for once again being there with love and support. This time for passing of my father in law. I am grateful for your many expressions of sympathy, love and kindness.

We are pleased to welcome Sister Barbara Dickert to our chapter!! She recently returned to our area after being out of state to take care of her mother. Sister Barb brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and love for the Order!! We are very excited that she has decided to join us!

I appreciate the excellent attendance we've had at meetings and events and hope to see that trend continue. We have many upcoming activities and events that I want you to attend, not only in our chapter, but in our neighboring chapters as well!!

SWDA will be honored soon at many neighboring chapters. Please check our bulletin board for information.

The more you give to others and the organization ... the more you gain in return!!

**Deborah Lightner WM**



**COLOMA LODGE No. 162**

**F. and A.M.**

WM Travis Schultz 269-861-7738  
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Sec'y David Mayne, PM 269-487-6750

Your brothers at the Coloma Lodge are very happy to announce that our new chair lift is installed! I would like to thank Past Master Bryce Schadler for his work and dedication in seeing this project through. It was great to see our brothers with mobility challenges back in lodge last month.

Please mark your calendars for our annual golf outing on July 14 at Lake Cora Hills. Stay tuned for more details.

Brothers who would like to pay their dues online may do so by visiting the Our Lodge page by entering 162-mi.ourlodgepage.com into your internet browser or by downloading the Our Lodge app. Contact the Secretary with any questions.

Now that Spring is here, come out of hibernation and fellowship with us on the first Thursday of the month. Dinner is served at 6:30 and lodge opens at 7:30.

**Fraternally, Travis Schultz, WM**



**APRIL 2019**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>MAR. 31</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b>  Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	<b>2</b>  St. Joseph Lodge 437 Regular	<b>3</b>  America Chapter 234 Regular	<b>4</b>  Coloma 162 Regular	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Three Oaks 239 Lakeshore fellowship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Masonic News Deadline	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Sojourners Club at Super Buffet	<b>13</b>  America Chapter BRUNCH
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Lakeshore Fellowship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  America Chapter 234 Initiation exemplified	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Lakeshore Fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Shrine Club Queens' Trip to the Chicago Hospital	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Shrine Club Regular At Galley Grille	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Lakeshore Fellowship	<b>30</b>	<b>May 1</b>  America Chapter 234 Regular	<b>May 2</b>  Coloma 162 Regular	<b>May 3</b>	<b>May 4</b>