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BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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Nov. 18, 2016 - 12 PM - Lunch, Business Meeting and Drawing at the Galley Grill.

Dec. 16, 2016 - 12 PM - Lunch, Business Meeting and Drawing at the Galley Grill.

2017 CASH Calendar sales are in progress. Circus program ads will be on sale soon.

We do business on the last Friday of the month at the Galley Grille, Stevensville, and join for lunch on the other Fridays. Several of our members are ill and need our prayers and moral support.

The Masonic News takes this opportunity to congratulate all of our 2017 Presiding Officers and wish them a rewarding and enjoyable year.

May your respective organizations support you in all of your activities and may you richly support all of your charitable recipients.

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you...”



**THREE OAKS LODGE No. 239
F & AM**

WM Kenneth Breaux 574-340-3949
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Sec’y Scott Tavernier 269-277-2009

Nov. 14 FC Degree 7:30 dinner @6:30
Dec. 3 Installation of Officers @ 7:00
Social hour starts @ 6:30

Dec. 5 Regular @ 7:30 Dinner @ 6:30

Evening Brothers

I would like to thank the Veterans for their service to this great country.

While my watch as WM is growing to a close I would like to thank the Brothers for their support and guidance.

Past Masters dinner we had a big turn out. Just to let those Brothers that could not make it to lodge know that we are providing Christmas for two families. Brother Matt Barrett won our Mason of the year award which was an honor to present to him.

**Fraternally Yours,
Kenneth Breaux WM**

The January 2017 newsletter deadline is December 10th. Please do not be late with your material.

E-mail articles to Masons@parrett.net



**LAKESHORE LODGE No. 298
F & AM**

WM Jeremy Watson 269 377-3694
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November 21 Master Mason Degree

November 28 Past Masters Dinner

December 5 Deer Dinner and Regular.

December 12 Installation of Officers 7:00

December 19 Fellowship

December 26 Stay home and be with your families.

Brethen,

This year has moved by very fast for me in the East. I had a great cast of Brothers to support me and make things run well. To Lakeshore Lodge 298, It has been a privilege and honor to sit in the East this year. You have a wonderful group of gentle men to follow. This month is a great time to share with one another so remember sock drive and Hygiene supplies for kids to be dropped off at the lodge.

P.S. Deer dinner staff will need help after for clean up.

Thank You

Jeremy Watson, WM



**SAINT JOSEPH LODGE No. 437
F & AM**

WM **Greg Weiser** 269-470-4911
SW Glenn Arent
Sec'y Stuart Fenton 269-369-7835
Hello Brothers,

December will be a busy month for the brothers of St. Joseph 437.

The sock drive is underway for the Salvation Army's Mens Homeless Shelter. If you'd like to drop off some socks please come to the **December regular on 12/6/16** or contact one of the officers.

December 10th at 10:00 is our 2017 installation of officers, with breakfast at 09:00 AM. Also this day we are ringing the bell for the Salvation Army in front of the dime store in downtown St. Joe across from Chartreus Gallery and The Chocolate Café. If you can't make the installation, visit us as we ring the bell.

On **December 17th** we'll be shopping for families at the Safe Shelter. We have done this several years and it is a wonderful experience. Come have breakfast at 09:00. The shopping and wrapping starts immediately afterward.

If you send your 2017 dues in by 2/28/17 we are going to have a drawing and one lucky brother to waive his 2018 dues. Don't be tardy, pay your dues early.

We are planning a drawing for a Henry Goldenboy Freemasons Tribute Rifle. Tickets will be \$2.00 each. The raffle license application is submitted but not yet approved. We are shooting (pun intended) for ticket sales the first of the year with the drawing in March. If you'd like to see this beautiful rifle with American walnut stocks, a nickle plated receiver and 24KT gold plated engraving, stop in and see **Brother Chad Shimunek and his friendly staff at Black Arsenal, 2797 Kimmel St. Stevensville.** If you want your name on a contact list for when we get the tickets.call me or drop me an email at gregweiser@comcast.net

Happy December Masonic Birthdays to brothers: W. George V. Nichols Jr. and Neill Kirckwood,

For St. Joseph 437, I wish you all a blessed holiday season.

Greg Weiser WM



**COLOMA LODGE No. 162
F & AM**

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Dec. 1st Regular Meeting Dinner at 6:30 Lodge at 7:30

Dec. 2nd Public Installation at 7:00 pm

Dec. 4th Deliver Poinsettias and cookies to our widows

It has been an amazing and honorable year as Worshipful Master at Coloma Lodge #162. I want to thank all of my officers and appointees for their hard work and dedication in making this a year I will never forget. I would also like to thank all of our members and guests that made all of our events possible. I am very proud to have had the opportunity to serve with all of you. I look forward to seeing everyone move up, and can't wait to see what the next year brings.

The Property Tax bills are still in the works. They may come up for a vote within the next month. Please contact your senator and/or representative to get their support. You can go to the Grand Lodge website and fill out a form that will be sent to your senator and representative. The Grand Lodge website is grandlodge.org.

Our annual installation of officers will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday, December 2nd. Come up and enjoy the installation and the fellowship of our Masonic Family. We will be honored once again by having three Grand Lodge Officers and three or four Past Grand Masters conducting the installation ceremony.

We will be adopting two families this year and will provide them with gifts of toys, clothing and food for Christmas. We will collect food items at the lodge between now and December 18th. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with this project please make your check payable to Coloma Masonic Lodge and mail it to P.O. Box 804, Coloma, MI 49038. Please note on the check that it is for Christmas Families.

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Fraternaly and thanks again,
Andy Herrold, WM



**AMERICA CHAPTER No. 234
O E S**

WM Connie Kilburn 269 621-4403
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Nov 16 School of Instruction with Worthy Grand Patron, Robert Otte

Pot luck dinner at 6 pm

Dec 7 Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm

Meal at 6:30 pm

Dec 14 White Elephant Bingo, 7 pm

Bring a favorite dessert to share and wrapped bingo gifts

Dec 17 Breakfast with St Joseph Lodge 8:30 am, assist with the Homeless Shelter Christmas project,

No Business Meetings in Jan. and Feb.

Sisters and Brothers:

We will welcome all family, friends and F&AM members at our Dec 14 White Elephant Bingo. Its always fun and you might win something very unique!

"Dog-less Dog Show" update, \$332.10 has been collected for this Grand Chapter charity. The winner so far is the Great Dane with the German Shepherd coming in second. Thanks for all who have helped.

Congratulations to America Chapter members EW "Bill" Potter and Marvin Probst who were awarded their 50 yr. pins at Peninsular Lodge #10. Congratulations also to Worthy Patron Robert Kilburn who was recently elected as president of the Berrien Co Shrine Club.

Watch for information coming this spring regarding a bus trip to the Michigan Masonic Home in Alma.

As Thanksgiving approaches we are reminded to be thankful. I am very thankful for the wonderful brothers and sisters in our entire Masonic fraternity who are so generous and giving of time, resources and talents.

Please remember our shut-ins and those who are less fortunate as we enter this busy month of December.

Connie Kilburn, Worthy Matron

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 27	Nov 28 Lakeshore 298 Past Masters Dinner	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1 Coloma 162 Regular	Dec 2 Coloma 162 Installation	Dec 3 Three Oaks 239 Installation
4 Coloma 162 Deliveries to Widows	5 Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	6 St Joseph 437 Regular	7 America 235 Regular	8	9	10 St. Joseph 437 Installation
11	12 Lakeshore 298 Installation	13	14 America OES White Elephant BINGO	15	16 Shrine Club Regular	17 F&AM 437 & OES 234 Breakfast
18	19 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	20	21	22	23	24
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