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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, like on  
November 16, 2018

lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lydia's in Bridgman  
Last 2 Fridays at Galley Grille  
Business meeting – last Friday

**CHANGE IN LOCATION!** This year's  
Red Fez Dinner and Installation of  
officers will be in the banquet room of  
the **Hilton Garden Inn, 1300  
Cinema Way, Benton Harbor, MI  
49022**. Please make your reservations  
(\$35 each) with **Jim Cobianco**. Select  
Steak, Chicken or Fish

We are still looking for an enclosed  
trailer to store and transport our club  
supplies.

**November 30 Regular at Galley Grill  
December 12 – Red Fez Dinner**

**Cash Bar 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm.  
December 28 Regular at Galley Grill**

**Fraternally, Ron Price, President**



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

WM Tom Oldenburg 269-208-5175  
SW Ron Price 269-756-3969  
Sec'y Scott Tavernier 269-277-2009

#### Brothers,

As I sit here writing this Newsletter,  
I'm shocked to the realization that my  
year is all but over. I do hope that this  
year was enjoyable to you all. I want to  
thank my officers, for their support  
and hard work.

Next year will be challenging, there  
were issues that came up this year that  
we dealt with and resolved, some still  
need to be addressed. I have no doubt  
that our incoming Worshipful Master,  
Ron Price, will lead us thru.

It has been a true honor to serve  
the lodge as Worshipful.

**Yours Fraternally,  
Tom Oldenburg WM**

Nov 15 6pm Past Masters Night at the  
Featherbone

Nov 17 1pm Master Mason Degree  
Meal to Follow degree

Dec 1 6pm Installation

Dec 3 7:30pm Regular Communication,  
6pm Temple Board

#### 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 Rex Hartwig 269-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_  
Sec'y Stuart Fenton 269-369-7835

Greeting brothers, we have a  
few fun things lined up for  
Nov/Dec.

#### EA degree on Tues, Nov. 13th.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing on  
**Dec. 8th** Contact Sec'y Stuart  
Fenton if you'd like to participate.

Installation of officers on  
**Saturday, Dec 15th.** Breakfast at  
9am and Installation at 10am  
We are continuing out annual  
Sock Drive

Christmas Shopping for kids at  
the woman's shelter on **Dec 22nd.**  
Meet at 10am for light breakfast  
before shopping.

The first dues notices have  
gone out for 2019. All dues  
received by Feb 28th will get you  
put in for a drawing to win a Dues  
Free year in 2020. Hope all  
brothers are doing well. If you  
know of a brother that needs any  
help from the lodge brothers  
contact WM Rex Hartwig or Sec'y  
Stu Fenton.

#### The January 2019

Newsletter deadline is

**DECEMBER 10, 2018**

Please do not be late.

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

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Sec'y Jeff Keehn, PM 269-208-8710

**Dear Brothers,**

I want to thank everyone for making my first year as secretary a memorable one. Lakeshore Lodge will be having its Annual Venison Dinner provided by Ill. Brother David Parsons 33°, MSA; Dave and his family (sons and granddaughters) have been providing the deer for more years than I can count. **All masons are welcome to attend the dinner just drop me an email or phone call if you plan to attend.**

We will be having our Installation of Officers December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 Social, 6:30 Dinner with Installation at 7:30. Please bring your friends and family this is one of the few times the public is invited to take a look behind the Masonic curtain and see what we are all about. Have a Happy Holiday Season.

November 19<sup>th</sup> "Mason of the Year"  
Committee Meeting

November 26<sup>th</sup> Fellowship

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Business

Meeting & Annual Venison  
Dinner

December 10<sup>th</sup> Installation of  
Lakeshore Lodge No. 298  
Officers

December 17<sup>th</sup> Dark

December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

December 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve

January 7th 2019 Regular Business  
Meeting

**Fraternally yours,**

**Jeffrey A. Keehn, P.M., 33°**

Secretary Lakeshore Lodge No. 298  
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AMERICA Chapter No. 234  
O.E.S.

WM **Deborah Lightner 269 779-0185**  
WP Andy Heier 269-208-5109  
Sec'y Sue Romelhardt 269-429-2602

Nov. 14 Initiatory Practice 7pm

Nov. 17 Thanksgiving Potluck and  
Bulb planting project 1pm

Dec. 5 Business Meeting,  
Refreshments: Deb Lightner  
and Bev Peeters

Dec 19 Christmas Fun Night 7pm

Dec 26 OES to clean the lodge (TBD)

Jan 12 OES Brunch Super Buffet 11am

Feb 9 OES Brunch Country Kitchen  
10am

**Sisters and Brothers,**

We are off to a great start this year and during this season of Gratitude, I want to thank our Chapter as well as those near us who contribute to and work with us regularly!

We had our business meeting on Wed the 7<sup>th</sup> and moved to support the Blue Star Mothers

"Operation Holiday Cheer" Project this year with a monetary donation, and to also join our Masonic Brothers in their "Warm their Feet" sock collection project!

We will be having a Thanksgiving Potluck on Sat. Nov 17 at 1pm, at the lodge and have invited Niles OES #332 Chapter to join us.

We will also plant bulbs in the stone box in front of the building for those who would like to participate.

I am always so very happy to see the number of officers and members who make it out for business meetings, and look forward to having our "Third Wednesday" meetings and "Saturday Brunch" as well attended after the New Year!

We will be Dark in January and February, but look for communications and dates to meet regardless.

Sending you all our Warmest Wishes and Blessings for the Holidays!!

**Deborah Lightner, Worthy Matron**



COLOMA LODGE No. 162  
F. and A.M.

WM Charlie Weeden 269-214-6870  
SW Travis Schultz 269-861-7738  
Sec'y David Mayne, PM 269-487-6750

Nov 30 Installation of Officers, 7:00  
p.m.

Dec 6 Regular Communication,  
dinner at 6:30 pm, gavel at 7:30.

**From the East:**

I'm very happy to announce that Coloma Lodge raised a new Master Mason with the assistance of Star of the Lake Lodge #158 in South Haven at the beginning of the month. Other men have reached out to us and we look forward to talking with them about the tenets of our profession and possibly initiating them into our beloved fraternity.

Coloma Lodge is grateful to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the special dispensation to conduct our installation of officers on November 30 this year. This means that many of you might be able to observe the installation of our 2019 officers before the busy installation season is in full swing. The installation ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m. with a social hour following.

We expect that the replacement of our chairlift will be completed very soon. We'll pass the word as soon as it is finished so that we can once again accommodate our brothers with mobility challenges and enjoy their fellowship in lodge.

Your brothers at Coloma # 162 wish you a blessed Thanksgiving with your loved ones.

Fraternally, Charlie Weeden, WM

From the Secretary:  
2019 dues notices are in the mail as of November 5. Please contact the Secretary if you have any questions.