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BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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2019 Friday lunch schedule

1st & 2nd at Super Buffet

If there are 5 Fridays in the month, lunch on the 3rd is at Lydia's in Bridgman

Last 2 Fridays at Galley Grille

Business meeting – last Friday

One more month to the end of the year. Thanks to all the Nobles and Ladies that have made it a great year

Calendar:

Nov 15 Noon lunch at Lydia's

Nov 22 Noon BCSC Regular

Dec 11 6:00PM Red Fez Dinner at Skip's – Please make reservations

Dec 20 Noon BCSC Regular

Fraternally, Ron Price, President

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS' CLUB

Regular– 2nd Friday at 11:30 AM at the Super Buffet.

All military veteran Masons welcome.

The JANUARY 2020

Newsletter deadline is

DECEMBER 10, 2019

Please do not be late.

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

WM Ron Price 269-756-3969
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Being November, I would like to thank all the Veterans for their service.

Here is the Three Oaks trestle board:

Dec 2 6PM Temple Board Meeting

Dec 2 6:30PM Dinner
7:30PM Regular

Dec 7 7:00PM Installation of Officers, Public and families welcome to attend.

See you at lodge. WM Ron Price



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

WM Ray Alderdice 269-470-5500
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Dear Brothers,

Lakeshore Lodge is having its Annual Venison Dinner/Business Meeting **Monday December 2nd 2019**. The venison is provided by Ill. Brother David Parsons 33^o, MSA; Dave and his family (sons and granddaughters) have been providing the deer for more years than I can count. All masons are welcome, just drop me an email or phone call if you plan to attend. We will be having our **Installation of Officers December 9th**, 6:00 Social, 6:30 Dinner, Installation at 7:30. Please bring your friends and family. This is one of the few times the public is invited to look behind the Masonic curtain and see what we are about. Have a Happy Holiday Season.

November 18th Past Masters, Widows and Awards Night

November 25th Fellowship

December 2nd Annual Business

Meeting and Venison Dinner
December 9th Installation of Officers for 2020

December 16th, 23rd and 30th Dark

January 6th Regular Business Meeting





SAINT JOSEPH LODGE No. 437

F. and A.M.

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

The Sock drive is beginning. We need to step up again. Just to review, our lodge and the Lake Shore Lodge started collecting Socks for the homeless men at the Salvation Army Men's Shelter five years ago. The drive has grown each year both in the number of socks collected and in the number of shelters for the homeless we are providing socks. This year we are collecting for: The Salvation Army Men's Shelter, Emergency Shelter Services, West Michigan Guardianship Services and new this year's drive will include the Foster Children at the Department of Health and Human Services. We are hoping to Collect 2,000 pair this year to meet the need. Look for our drop off boxes with a sign "Warm Their Feet" sock drive.

December 3 is our Regular.

Our lodge will be holding our installation of officers on Saturday, December 14, at the lodge beginning with breakfast at 9:00 a. m.

Fraternally yours

Jerry Sirk, Worshipful Master

St. Joseph Lodge #437

Lodge Installations

- Dec 3 St. Joseph Valley #4 Niles (closed)
- Dec 7 Three Oaks #239 @ 7:00 (open)
- Dec 9 LakeShore #298 @ 7:30 (open)
- Dec 9 Buchanan #68 @ 6:30
- Dec 10 St. Peters #106 Edwardsburg @ 7:00
- Dec 14 St. Joseph #437 @ 9:00 AM (open)
- Jan 4 Peninsular #10 Dowagiac @ 6:30



AMERICA CHAPTER No. 234

O.E.S.

WM Kris Quint (269) 926-7610
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Sec'y Sue Romelhardt (269)-429-2602

Nov. 16 Sat. Membership Conference

Nov. 20 School of Instruction

Dec. 4th Reg. Business Mtg.

7pm/Meal 6pm

Dec.14th Sat. 9am Masonic #437

Breakfast (OES assist)/

10am Installation

Dec. 18th Christmas Fun Night

Jan. and Feb OES Dark

We are off to a great start this year! We have all 18 officers now installed. We have a proficiency/floor work Practice (casual dress) **Thurs. Nov.13th, 6pm at the lodge.** No meal, just a few snacks and drinks. Please come and mentor new officers, or just Be there for support and encouragement.

We host our School of Instruction **Wed.**

Nov. 20th @ 7pm. A Baked Potato Buffet will be provided, with desserts and drinks furnished By Niles and Edwardsburg Chapters.

We look forward to working with our Masonic Brothers again this year. We appreciate their communication, support and attendance at our meetings and events. We hope to have knowledge, ideas and information from our Membership Conference this weekend, that can be shared with our Masonic brothers! We are better & stronger together!

Dec. 4th is our regular business mtg 7pm, Meal 6pm (Kris, Bev and Deb)

We will be serving **Breakfast 9am, Sat.**

Dec.14th, for St. Joseph Lodge #437's Installation instead of our usual OES Brunch. Congratulations to Bryan Green and his officers.

Wed. Dec. 18th we will have Holiday

Potluck/Fun Night at 6:30pm...

Come and enjoy some Christmas

Cheer and Fellowship before we go

dark in the New Year.

With Fraternal Love and Respect

Deborah Lightner AM



COLOMA LODGE No. 162

F. and A.M.

WM Travis Schultz 269-861-7738
SW William Weeden Jr, 269-308-9986
Sec'y David Mayne, PM 269-487-6750

December 5:

Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

December 6: Installation of Officers

From the East:

As we look forward to installing the 2020 line of officers, I would like to thank everyone for making this year so memorable and successful. Thanks to the leadership of many brothers, we were able to make some much-needed improvements to our temple as we prepare to welcome the Hope Resources Food Pantry offices to our ground floor. Our presence in the community was noted as we supported renovations at Randall Park and participated in the Coloma Glad-Peach Festival parade. More importantly, we were able to extend Masonic charity and relief locally.

Our Installation will be **Friday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.** We are honored to have Most Worshipful Grand Master Mark Manning attending as part of the installing team and cordially invite area Masons to join us as worthy brother Bill Weeden Jr. is installed as Worshipful Master. A social hour will follow the ceremony.

2020 promises to be a great year for our lodge, and your brothers at Coloma Lodge wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you in lodge.

Fraternally, Travis Schultz, WM

From the Secretary:

Dues cards are in and notices are in the mail. Please remember that the due date for 2020 dues is January 1.

Online payment is available at the Our Lodge web page at:

162-mi.ourlodgepage.com.

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 1	2 Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	3 St. Joseph 437 Regular Niles Lodge #4 Eat 6/Mtg 7	4 America Chapter OES Regular	5 Coloma 162 Regular	6 Coloma 162 Installation	7 Three Oaks 239 Installation
8	9 LAKESHORE 298 Installation Buchanan #68 Installation	10 St. Peters Lodge #106 Installation Edwardsburg	11 SHRINE CLUB RED FEZ Dinner & Installation	12	13 National Sojourners Luncheon Niles York Rite meetings	14 America OES 234 Breakfast Lodge 437 Installation
15	16	17	18 America OES Christmas FUN NIGHT	19	20 Shrine Club Regular	21
22 Hanukkah Begins	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 2019	26	27	28
29	30 Hanukkah Completed	31 NEW YEARS EVE	Jan. 1 NEW YEARS DAY	Jan. 2 Coloma 162 Regular	Jan. 3	Jan. 4 Peninsular Lodge #10 Installation Dowagiac