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BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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February 26, 2016 - 12 PM - Lunch, Business Meeting and Drawing at the Galley Grill.

March 10, 2016 - Shrine Circus trip for youngsters. Please contact John Keyser if you can be a chaperone.

March 25, 2016 - 12 PM - Lunch, Business Meeting and Drawing at the Galley Grill.

April 21, 2016 is the target date for the Queens' trip to the Shrine Hospital.

Our 2016 Cash Calendars are now available. Last year we almost sold out. The proceeds from these are used to fund the bus trip to the Grand Rapids Shrine Circus for Berrien County handicapped children.

Circus Program Ads are also for sale. Contact any Shriner to buy a Circus Ad.

We meet on Fridays at the Galley Grill, Stevensville, with the last Friday of the month being our Business Meeting. All Shriners and Masons are most welcome.

The March newsletter deadline is **March 10th**. Please don't be late with your material. E-mail articles to Masons@parrett.net



THREE OAKS LODGE No. 239 F & AM

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February 28 - Family Bowling in Michigan City 2-4 pm MI time.

**March 7 - Regular at 7:30pm,
Dinner at 6:30pm**

March 14 - MM Practice at 6pm

March 19 - MM Degree at 1pm

(For a head count, please call if you are attending the Festive Board to follow. A suggested donation of \$10.00 for dinner)

March 20 - Feast of the Paschal Lamb at 3pm. Open to the public.

Hello Brethren,

Thanks, to Brother Tom Oldenburg and cast for an outstanding Fellowcraft Degree. Also a thanks to the visiting Brothers from Terre Coupee Lodge, Excelsior Lodge, Edwardsburg Lodge, Coloma lodge and Lakeshore Lodge it was a great turn out.

Bowling night - Brothers if you know of anyone who may be interesting in joining our wonderful fraternity bring them.

Master Mason Practice - We need all officers and MM's who wish to participate.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb observance. We are honored to host this event. Mark your calendar and join us.

Thank you brothers for all your support of 3 wonderful organizations in our town: Sunshine girls softball, boys little league, and the food pantry. Also, the Arts and Education center in Three Oaks, with Brother Derek Nicely on the board, we will be looking forward to a wonderful relationship with this organization.

Fraternally Yours, Ken Breaux WM



LAKESHORE LODGE No. 298 F & AM

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February 22, 2016 Practice EA

February 29, 2016 Fellowship

March 2016

March 7, 2016

Regular Business Meeting

March 14, 2016 Fellowship

March 21, 2016 Fellowcraft Practice

March 28, 2016 Fellowship

Brethen,

We had a great meeting last week with many visiting Brothers in attendance. Lets keep it going for March and remember ideas for bring in capital and new Brothers into our Lodge will be appreciated.

Fraternally,

Jeremy Watson WM.

**National Sojourners,
Chapter meeting
March 18th at noon
at the Galley Grille**

The National Sojourners are Masons who served as officers, warrant officers or senior NCOs in the military forces of the United States.



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

WM Connie Kilburn 269 621-4403
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Mar 2 Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm

**Mar 12 Breakfast, 8:30 am,
Galley Grill**

**Mar 16 SWDA Friendship Night, 6:30
pm White Elephant Bingo, Salad Bar**

**April 1 6:00 pm Soup Supper with
Worthy Grand Patron, Ray Abbey**

April 6 Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm

April 9 Breakfast, 8:30 am,

Mill Creek Charlie's, Watervliet

**April 30 "Spring Fling" Vendor & Craft
Show**

**SW Michigan Masonic Center
Sisters and Brothers:**

While we have not had regular meetings in January and February, work has been going on behind the scenes. Many plans have been made for spring 2016 and we need each of you to "jump on board" for a little work and a lot of fellowship and fun.

Start saving those unique items for our next White Elephant bingo on Mar 16 when we honor the members of the South West District Association!

I am pleased to announce that our Worthy Grand Patron, Ray Abbey will hold one of his "Phoenix Workshops" at America Chapter on Friday, April 1. All Star members in the area are invited and encouraged to attend. We will begin with a soup supper at 6:00 pm and continue with a time of sharing and "thinking outside the box" regarding our future. This is an informal and very casual evening with time for frank conversation.

We look forward to our next regular meeting on March 2 at 7:30 pm; we have several items of business to conduct.

Please mark your calendars with the dates listed above.

See you soon,

Connie Kilburn, WM



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

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**Feb. 25th 7:30 Fellowcraft Degree
- Dinner at 6:30**

**March 3rd 7:30 Regular meeting
- Dinner at 6:30**

**March 17th 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner**

**March 25th 7:30 pm
Master Mason Degree - dinner at 6:30**

By the time most of you receive this we will have conferred the FC Degree on our new brother. Congratulations to the officers for a great job.

Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner and fund raiser will be held on March 17th at Ray's on the Green at the Berrien Hills Golf Club from 5:00 until 9:00 pm. Adults \$15.00, Children 12 and under \$7:00. Tickets are available from any of our officers. Hope you can join us for great food and fellowship. This event is open to the public.

The Grand Lodge is working diligently with our friends in the Legislature to have our Act of Incorporation amended. If this Act is amended and signed into Law our Masonic Temples will be exempt from Real and Personal Property Taxes. This is a crucial time in our Masonic history and the time to finish this is now. We're asking you, at this time, to contact your Legislator and ask for their support of this important legislation. The bill was submitted on January 28th and right now, the more co-sponsors we can get to sign on the better. Both Senate and House need to be encouraged to support this legislation. Please contact Secretary Baugher if you need help contacting your legislators.

Fraternally, Andy Herrold, WM.

Your 2016 dues were due on January 1st.



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

WM **Greg Weiser 269-280-2419**
 SW Glenn Arent
 Sec'y Stuart Fenton 269-369-7835

On March 1st, besides our regular business meeting Brother Jerry Sirk will be presenting a talk on pottery for our second hobby night. If any brothers have interesting vocations, hobbies, collections or interests and are willing to make a presentation on please let me know. Also Susan Weiser's Potato Soup will be on the menu starting at 6:30 pm.

In March, Saint Joseph No. 437 will be teaming with the Grand Lodge of Michigan as well as Saint Joseph and Lakeshore Public Schools with the Books for Bikes Campaign. The child who reads the most books at each of the six elementary schools will receive a bike and helmet.

If you see Brother Jerry Sirk give him a heart felt thank you, he answered the call and went to Flint to help with the water issue.

Brothers please contact your Michigan State Representative in support of SB 732 which grants Masonic Lodges property tax exemption. Please visit the Grand Lodge web site for contact information and sample letters.

March is Sr. Deacon day in Alma as well as a visit to the Masonic Home. It is open to all brothers and spouses, if you have not visited, it is well worth your time. If you are interested let us know.

**Happy March Masonic Birthdays to
the following brothers:**

Mark Davidson

Galen Blough

Dave Raye

Robert Goodenough

Dr. Dennis Padla

Robert Peirce

William Sinclair

Walter Inगतovich

John Chiviges

Thomas Clark

Earl G. Golden

**As always if a brother in Berrien
County wants to attend loge and needs
a ride, please contact us and we'll
arrange a ride.**

Fraternally, Greg Weiser WM

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 28 Three Oaks Family Bowling	Feb 29 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	March 1 St Joseph 437 Regular	Mar 2 America OES Regular	Mar 3 Coloma 162 Regular	Mar 4	Mar 5
6	7 Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	8	9	10 Shrine takes youth to the Circus	11	12 America OES Breakfast
13	14 Three Oaks MM Practice Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	15	16 America OES SWDA Friendship Night	17 Coloma 162 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner	18 National Sojourners Lunch Meeting at the Galley Grill	19 Three Oaks MM Degree and Festive Board
20 Feast of the Paschal Lamb at Three Oaks	21 Lakeshore 298 FC Practice	22	23	24 Coloma 162 EA Degree	25 Shrine Club Regular Coloma MM Degree	26
27	28 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	29	30	31	April 1 OES Soup Supper w/WGP	April 2