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COLOMA Masonic Lodge**

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BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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January 29, 2016 - 12 PM - Lunch, Business Meeting and Drawing at the Galley Grill.

February 10, 2016 - 6:00 social hour, 7:00 Berrien County Shrine Club Valentine's Dinner at Skip's. Please make reservations with John Keyser (269) 429-1058

February 13, 2016, 5:30 PM - Saladin Valentine's dinner in Grand Rapids. For more information, call the Shrine Office (616) 942-1570

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

Our 2016 Cash Calendars are still available.

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 **February 10th**. Please don't be late with your material. E-mail articles to Masons@parrett.net



THREE OAKS LODGE No. 239 F & AM

WM Kenneth Breaux 574-340-3949
SW Mike Kanger 269-903-9235
Sec'y Scott Tavernier 269-277-2009

Jan 24 – FC Degree Practice at Noon

Jan 25 – FC Degree, Dinner at 6pm, Degree at 7pm

Feb 1 – Regular Communication

Feb 28 – Family Bowling 2-4pm (MI Time) at Michigan City Lanes. RSVP to John Schmidt 269-208-3699.

All Brothers and families are welcome.

March 20 – Rose Croix Degree at Three Oaks Lodge 2-3pm. Open to the public.

****Reminder – Please send your dues in as soon as possible.**

Hello Brothers,

I hope you had a merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This year has started with a bang, sitting in the East has broadened my eyes to all my Brothers I do not see. I have a few missions this year, first is to contact all my fellow Brothers, to talk to them, ask them how we can get them back to lodge. Second is our Beacon Project to get into the Middle School and High School. We have set our committees for the year and to the Brothers who have stepped up and volunteered, especially those who just join, I have great confidence in you and looking forward to your enthusiasm.

**May God be with you.
Fraternally Yours,
Ken Breaux, WM**



LAKESHORE LODGE No. 298 F & AM

WM Jeremy Watson 269 377-3694
SW John Keyser 269-429-1058
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February 1, 2016

Regular Business Meeting

February 8, 2016 Fellowship

February 15, 2016 Fellowship

February 22, 2016 Practice EA

February 29, 2016 Fellowship

Brethen,

Thank you for a great first meeting this year. For our next regular I would like some ideas on bringing funds into our lodge. we have some very well organized fund raisers now. Many of our brother have put a great deal of time into making things happen. I would like to say Thank you.

Fraternally

Jeremy Watson WM

We are excited to announce that in a combined effort, four of the six organizations listed here, combined with South Haven Shrine Club to provide special support for the family of a Shrine Child who lost their home to fire, just prior to Christmas.
Well done Sisters and Brothers



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

WM Connie Kilburn 269 621-4403
WP Robert Kilburn 269 621-4403
Sec'y Cheryl Ladd 269-782-8719

Feb 13 Breakfast

**at SW MI Masonic Center
– 8:30 am weather permitting**

Mar 7 Regular Business Meeting,

7:30 pm

Star Greeting:

The December “White Elephant Bingo” night was well attended and a lot of fun. Several Star chapters and Masonic lodges were represented that night along with many guests. We were so pleased to have 2 ladies from the Grand Chapter family with us.

Our January breakfast at the Masonic Center was a success. Sixteen of us enjoyed pancakes, eggs and sausage and Star fellowship. Our next breakfast will be the 2nd Saturday in February which is the day before Valentine’s Day. Come out and join us if the weather cooperates.

We look forward to our next regular meeting on March 2 at 7:30 pm. The next “White Elephant Bingo” will be March 16 which is our friendship night. Start saving those “Fun” gifts.

Saturday, April 30, will find us at the Masonic Center with a craft and vendor show from 9 am – 3 pm. Come out and enjoy lunch and shopping. Let us know if you would like a table to exhibit your items; price \$15 for 8 ft. **table.**

We have several members who still owe the 2016 dues; if this has slipped your mind please contact our secretary, Cheryl Ladd. Our charitable giving depends on all members contributing by paying dues and by participating in our projects

Connie Kilburn, WM



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

W.M.- Andrew Herrold 269-449-3746
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Sect'y Don Baugher PM 269-468-4051

**February 4th Regular meeting at 7:30
- Dinner at 6:30
(FC practice after meeting)**

February 18th 6:30 FC practice

February 25th 7:30 Fellowcraft Degree

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

We held our first Regular Communication and I am proud of the way our officers were able to open lodge without the help of rituals. We conferred the EA Degree on January 14th and have plans to confer the FC Degree on February 25th. Plans are being made for our Annual St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on March 17th and our Golf outing in June. Tickets are available for the St. Patrick’s Day dinner from any of our officers. Hope you can join us for great food and fellowship.

Fraternally, Andy Herrold, WM.

Your 2016 dues were due on January 1st.

Please pay them promptly and save your lodge the expense of sending out second notices. If you can’t pay them all at one time call the secretary and make arrangements to pay them monthly. He will work with you.

Your dues may also be paid by going to the Grand Lodge website

<http://www.grandlodgemi.org>

and paying them with a credit card.



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

WM **Greg Weiser 269-982-7014**
SW Glenn Arent 269-
Sec’y Stuart Fenton 269-369-7835

We had an exciting December, on December 12th the officers for 2016 were installed:

**WM Greg Weiser,
SW Glenn Arent,
JW Rex Hartwig,
Chaplain Mark Davidson,
Treasurer Dave Raye,
Secretary Stuart Fenton,
SD Glenn Palmer,
JD Jerry Sirk,
Tyler Rob Hammond,
Steward Bryan Green**

After our installation we rang the bell for the Salvation Army.

Our Shopping for the Safe Shelter on December 19th was another success. We provided Christmas gifts for 15 children from 8 families that had to spend Christmas in the Safe Shelter. We were blessed with such abundance this year that we were able to provide extra donated toys to the homeless shelter as well. Brother Jerry Sirk arranged a sock drive and we gathered 190 pairs of new socks and gave them to the Salvation Army Men’s Shelter. A special thank you goes to the Order of the Eastern Star, America Chapter 234, for assisting with breakfast for our intrepid shoppers and present wrappers. All in all we had a successful month reaching out to those less fortunate in our community.

Instead of just holding business meetings each month we want to learn and explore. We are looking for brothers who have fun and interesting hobbies to share. Some of the presentations already planned are pottery making, building custom fishing rods, home brewing, and reloading ammo. If you have an interesting hobby we’d enjoy hearing about it. For the months that we don’t have demonstrations we’ll be discussing interesting masonic historical events such as the Morgan affair.

I’d like to offer birthday wishes to brothers Bryan H. Green, and Robert Galbraith who have Masonic birthdays in January. If you have not been to lodge in a while, come check it out. If you need a ride please contact myself or one of the officers.

Fraternally, Greg Weiser WM

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 31	Feb 1 Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	Feb 2 St Joseph 437 Regular	Feb 3	Feb 4 Coloma 162 Regular	Feb 5	Feb 6
7	8 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	9	10 BC Shrine Club Valentine's Dinner	11	12	13 America OES Breakfast ----- Saladin Shrine Valentine's Dinner
14	15 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	16	17	18 Coloma 162 FC Practice	19	20
21	22 Lakeshore 298 EA Practice	23	24	25 Coloma 162 FC Degree	26 Shrine Club Regular Galley Grill	27
28 Three Oaks Family Bowling	29 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	March 1 St Joseph 437 Regular	March 2	March 3 Coloma 162 Regular	March 4	March 5