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**BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB**

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

**January 27, 2017** - 12 PM - Lunch, Business Meeting and Drawing at the Galley Grill.

**2017 CASH Calendar sales are in progress as are Circus program ads.**

We do business on the last Friday of the month at the Galley Grille, Stevensville, except for November and December.

Please join for lunch on the other Fridays.

The fez is one of the most recognizable symbols of Shriners International and was adopted as the Shriners' official headgear in 1872. Named after the city of Fez, Morocco, the hat represented the Arabian theme the fraternity was founded on. It also serves as an outward symbol of one's membership in the fraternity.

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

E-mail articles to [Masons@parrett.net](mailto:Masons@parrett.net)



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

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**January 2 Regular Meeting**

**Hello Brothers,**

It has been a long journey to the east, but no brother walks alone and with the support of all my brethren I have arrived.

I thank all the brothers who have continued in their journey in moving up the line and all others who have joined at my request to help me in my year as Worshipful Master.

I have a great year planed and with all of your help I know we can accomplish the goals I have set. We will be visiting some old issues that need some attention, and some new ones that will put us on the right track for the future.

We had a great installation with all of our family, friends and brothers. We were honored once again by having the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters conducting the installation ceremony.

We once again shared the spirit of the season and gave toys and clothing to two families that needed help during the holiday season.

I hope to visit several lodges in the coming year and meet a lot of my brothers.

I extend my brotherly love and friendship to all lodges to come visit Lodge #239 in Three Oaks. We meet the first Monday of every month with a meal at 6:30 and lodge at 7:30. We would love to have you. Out next regular is January 2, 2017.

**Fraternally yours,  
Mike Kanger (WM)**



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

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**December 19 Fellowship**

**December 26 Stay home and be with your families.**

**January 2, Happy Holiday**

**January 9, Regular Meeting**

**January 16, Fellowship**

**January 23, Fellowship**

**January 30, Fellowship**

**Brethen,**

**It way wonderful to see all those who attended the Installation. Marc Halt and his staff did a wonderful job. Special Thanks also to Commander Ron Price and the Sir Knights of Niles Commandery #12 for forming an Honor Guard.**

**The refreshments were delicious and as far as I could see, a good time was had by all.**

**Thank You**

**John Keyser, WM**



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

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**January 3 - Regular meeting**

**Brothers**

Dress code; Officers, please do your best to wear a sport coat when attending our regular meetings. Brethren, business casual. If there are any special attire requests, they will be given the appropriate due notice. This was a past practice and a practice we have tried to embrace in 2016 and would like to carry on through 2017.

Historical Committee; Members of lodge 437 we are interested in putting together a historical committee to help catalog possessions of our lodge long since put into storage to both understand and share the importance of these items with Brother's who were not around when these items were in use and to learn more about our past as we work in the present and into the future. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please contact WM Glenn Arent at glennarent@gmail.com.

Be prepared! All members be prepared in your positions as best you can and be on alert you never know how we may open the lodge as practice makes perfect. We are all here to learn and help each other so let's continue to hone our craft and have fun doing it.

Membership; I'd would like to challenge each of my officers to think of one individual that they feel would be a great candidate and make a great mason and to think of way to encourage them to attend a fellowship and or meeting to learn more about the importance of our craft. Let's see if we can bring on 7 new brother's this year!

Thanks to our most recent Past Master Greg Weiser for all he has done and his stellar leadership in 2016, under Greg's guidance we accomplished more than any of us thought possible and made a great impact on our community.

**Glenn Arent**  
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F & AM**

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**January 5th 7:30 pm Regular Meeting  
- Dinner at 6:30**

Brothers, as the newly installed Worshipful Master of Coloma Lodge #162, I want to say how honored and humbled I am to have this opportunity. The installation was a wonderful experience and I was honored to have such a great installation team. I look forward to a very busy and productive year. I couldn't have made it this far without the help of my family and fellow officers. Thanks to everyone again.

The poinsettias and cookies have been delivered to our widows. All of them very much appreciate the lodge remembering them at this time of the year.

We adopted two families this Christmas and provided them with gifts of toys, clothing and food.

We also made a \$200.00 donation to the North Berrien Food Pantry. Carole Sterneman from the food pantry was presented the check at our installation.

The Property Tax house and senate bills are still in the works. They may come up for a vote within the next month. We still need you to 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 [www.grandlodgemi.org](http://www.grandlodgemi.org).

**Happy New Year.**

**Fraternally, Bryce M. Schadler, WM**



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

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

**Jan 14 Breakfast, 8:30 am, Mill  
Creek Charlies in Watervliet (weather  
permitting)**

**Feb 11 Breakfast, 8:30 am, Galley Grill  
(weather permitting)**

**No Business Meetings in Jan. and Feb.**

**Sisters and Brothers:**

Thanks to all Sisters and Brothers who worked to make 2016 such a successful year for America Chapter.

Participated with Temple board, Lakeshore & St Joseph Lodges with dessert, dinner and or breakfasts

Hosted bingos and potlucks for members, visitors and SWDA

Donated items to the Blue Star Mothers who send Christmas gifts to service members

Donated items to the Pathway's Boutique in the Masonic Home in Alma

Conducted 4 OES Funeral Services

Hosted a Phoenix Workshop for area chapters with the Worthy Grand Patron

Hosted a craft and vendor show

Held a Bake Sale at Lakeshore Lodge's Car show

Held 10 Regular Business Meetings

8 Breakfast gatherings

Congratulations to Worthy Patron Robert Kilburn who was recently selected to serve as Grand Representative of Minnesota in Michigan for 2017-2018.

At the December meeting the chapter voted to donate to the OES Disaster Relief Fund to assist chapters that were impacted by extreme weather conditions.

We pray for blessings to all for a healthy and successful 2017.

**Connie Kilburn, Worthy Matron**

# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 1	2 Three Oaks 239 Regular	3 St Joseph 437 Regular	4	5 Coloma 162 Regular	6	7
8	9 Lakeshore 298 Regular	10	11	12	13	14 America OES Breakfast At Mill Creek Charlies
15	16 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	24	25	26	27 Shrine Club Regular	28
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