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### BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Pres. Ron Price 269-756-3969  
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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, lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> is at Lydia's in Bridgman

Last 2 Fridays at Galley Grille

Business meeting – last Friday

All I have talked to agree that this year's **Red Fez Dinner** at the Hilton Garden Inn, Benton Harbor, was a great success. Congratulations to our Shriner of the year, Ron Ravitch, and our two new red jacket recipients: Stan Hively and Jim Cobianco.

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

**December 28 Regular at Galley Grill**

**January 5 Divan Installation in GR**

**January 25 Regular at Galley Grill**

**Fraternally, Ron Price, President**



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

WM Ron Price 269-756-3969  
SW  
Sec'y Scott Tavernier 269-277-2009  
**Brothers,**

I thank Tom Oldenburg for being an inspiration to the Lodge as the 150th year Worshipful Master. I am honored to follow him as Master. We will have another great year. We have at least three new EAs to Initiate and one Fellowcraft to Raise to Master Mason. And many more things to come. I look forward to working with all the Officers and Members of Three Oaks 239 in the ensuing year. Aldo we are pleased that we are able to adopt two families for Christmas, this is what Masonry is about, enabling Brothers to become better men.

#### Trestle Board for January:

7 Jan. Regular Communication 7:30PM,  
meal at 6:30PM

12 Jan. EA practice 1:00PM

14 Jan. EA Degree 7:30PM,  
meal at 6:30PM

Visitors are welcome. May you all have Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your support.  
Ron Price Worshipful Master of Three Oaks 239

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

**Saturday, Dec 15th.** Breakfast at 9am and Installation at 10am

The "Warm Their Feet Sock Drive" ended on December 10. The socks will be distributed to: The Salvation Army Men's shelter in Benton Harbor; Emergency Shelter Services (For Women and Families) in Benton Harbor; and West Michigan Guardianship a service of The Avenue Family (formerly Child and Family Services). Distribution of 1,630 pairs of socks will take place at the Lodge after the Installation of Officers on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be breakfast served at 9:00 and installation at 10:00. Installation of Officers will include an honor guard of Knights Templar.

Our regular communications are the first Tuesday of Each Month. We have Regular communications scheduled for January 1, 6:00 fellowship and 7:00 meeting. All Masons are welcome.

Fraternally, Jerry Sirk, WM elect

#### The February 2019

Newsletter deadline is

**JANUARY 10, 2019**

Please do not be late.

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

WM Ray Alderdice 269-428-2010  
SW Tony Staggs 269-217-9454  
Sec'y Jeff Keehn, PM 269-208-8710

Dear Brothers,

We would like to thank Brother Marc Halt P.M. and his Installing staff. They did a great job for our Installation. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to a productive year for 2019.

Lakeshore Lodge meets on the first Monday of the month, except holiday. Dinner and fellowship at 6:30 PM and lodge opens at 7:30 PM. All masons are welcome.

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

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

January 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Business Meeting

January 14<sup>th</sup> Fellowship

January 21<sup>st</sup> Dark Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 28<sup>th</sup> Mason of the Year Dinner

Fraternally yours,

Jeffrey A. Keehn, P.M., 33°

Secretary Lakeshore Lodge No. 298  
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## THE MASONIC NEWS

**Congratulates all our 2019 presiding officers, and wishes you total success and happiness in this coming Masonic Year.**



AMERICA Chapter No. 234  
O.E.S.

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

**Dec. 19th Christmas Fun Night 6pm**

**Dec.???** Clean the Lodge

**Dec. 22nd Masonic "Women's Shelter Project"**

**No Business Meetings in Jan & Feb**

**Jan. 12th Brunch 11 am**

**Feb. 9th Brunch 10 am**

**Sisters and Brothers:**

Wow! What amazing attendance! I am always thrilled to see you all there! We are very proud of our active brothers & salute them for service & commitment!

My theme this year is Faith, Gratitude & Hope; & thus far I honor and thank Sisters: **Sue Romelhardt, Linda Heier, Jackie Ransom & Vicki Baker** for the qualities they bring to our Chapter. Thanks too, to Sister **Ann Benson**, for the wonderful music she plays with such love!

Our Thanksgiving Potluck was well attended, and filled with Fun, Food and Fellowship! We enjoyed having Jean & John Hubbard with us.

We donated to Blue Star Mothers' "Support the Troops Project" & have added many socks for Jerry's "Warm their Feet Project".

Thank You Brother Don Baugher for your generous donation of cards to the Sunshine Committee!

Special thanks from Sisters Cheryl Ladd, Fran Zecklin & Brother Bill Potter, for the outpouring of love, sympathy & support in the loss of their mother, Sister Barbara Thorne.

We will have our Christmas Fun Night Dec. 19th at 6pm. Come join us for Fun and "Games", and a "Christmas Centerpiece Auction." Look for our 2nd Sat. Brunches, project & committee meetings in Jan. & Feb. Dates will be announced. Expect email updates.

Have a Very Blessed Christmas!

**Deb Lightner, Worthy Matron**



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

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SW Travis Schultz 269-861-7738  
Sec'y David Mayne, PM 269-487-6750

January 3, 2019 Regular Communication

**From the East:**

As I prepare to hand the Master's gavel over to my worthy brother Travis Schultz, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the officers and brothers for their dedicated work in support of our beloved fraternity and Coloma Lodge. We enjoyed an active year, raising new Master Masons, participating in community events and supporting our Masonic sweethearts. We honored brothers who laid down their working tools to go to everlasting refreshment.

Coloma Lodge was very proud to name brother Peter Scudamore as our Mason of the Year. In the short time that Pete has been a Mason, he has taken his obligations to heart and truly exemplifies the tenets of our fraternity. Pete is also active in appendant bodies of Freemasonry, so I know that many of your readers will want to express your congratulations to him as well.

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.

Finally, your brothers at the Coloma Lodge wish you the peace and joy that the Christmas season represents and extend our hopes for a happy and fulfilling 2019.

Fraternally, Charlie Weeden, WM

**From the Secretary:**

2019 dues notices are in the mail. Please contact the Secretary if you have any questions.