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BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Pres. John Keyser (269) 429-1058
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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

Nobles, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Berrien County Shrine Club. I thank all who have made my past 2 years as President a wonderful time and ask that you support our new President John Keyser.

Remember our

December regular is on the 20th

January Regular is on the 30th

January is a 5 Friday month so on the 17th lunch will be at Lydia's.

Thank you again., Ron Price

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS' CLUB

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

All military veteran Masons welcome.

The FEBRUARY 2020

Newsletter deadline is

JANUARY 10, 2020

Please do not be late.

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

WM Tim Jarrett 269-426-1101
Sec'y Dennis Gross (269) 756-1431

3 Oaks

Thank you, Brothers, for a good year. I enjoyed my time as Worshipful Master. Now is the time for us to assist our new Worshipful Master, Brother Tim Jarrett (TJ). Make him comfortable in his new position and let's have another great year together.

Your Past Master Ron Price.

6 Jan Regular
630pm dinner
730pm meeting

Your Masonic News Staff is taking this space to wish Happy Holidays to everyone.

Please let both your secretary and us know when you have a new e-mail or postal address.

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

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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 2020. 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.

January 6th Regular Business Meeting

January 13th Fellowship

January 20th Dark Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 27th Fellowship

January Birthdays

ALVUN W. BAKER THOMAS J. MITCHELL
WILLIAM M. CRAWFORD MARTIN J. ROSE
LONNY H. PROBST CORY S. KEEHN
LOUIS E. MILLER RUSSELL D. SPRONK

Jeff Keehn – Secretary
Lakeshore Lodge 298



SAINT JOSEPH LODGE No. 437

F. and A.M.

WM Bryan Green 269-932-8459
Sec'y Stuart Fenton 269-369-7835

Brothers,

First off, I would like to thank Marc Halt and his team for performing our Installation on the 14th.

At our December meeting, two brothers completed their proficiency for the EA degree. They will be having a joint Fellowcraft degree on the 21st.

We are also planning on initiating two more men into our fraternity on either **January 28th or February 11th**. Over the next few months, we will be having degree **practice for the upcoming work on Tuesdays**.

St Joseph Lodge #437, meets on the first Tuesday of each month, dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00. All Masons welcome 3661 Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

Fraternally, Bryan Green, WM

St. Joseph Lodge #437

Lodge Installations

Jan 4 Peninsular #10 Dowagiac @ 6:30



AMERICA CHAPTER No. 234

O.E.S.

WM Kris Quint (269) 926-7610
WP Augie Meyer (269) 4299-4758
Sec'y Sue Romelhardt (269)-429-2602

**Dec.14th Sat. 9am Masonic #437
Breakfast (OES assist)/
10am Installation**

Dec. 18th Christmas Fun Night 6:30

Jan. and Feb OES Dark

Please join us on **Sat. Dec. 14** for Lodge #437's Installation 1pm,

Lunch @ noon. Let's support our Masonic Brothers with our assistance and attendance!

Another opportunity to do just that is **Sat. Dec. 21st, @ 9am** for their annual "Christmas for Shelter Families" project. Come and experience the rewards of giving Faith & Hope through a few gifts, by a group of good men!!

Also, don't forget to bring your Socks to fill the box...

We will have a Fun Night on Wed. **Dec.18th @ 6:30pm**. Friends and families are invited to join us for games, outreach projects and a "Munchie Potluck", snacks, cookies or whatever you like!

Bring an ornament to exchange, and your Holiday Spirit to share!!

Respectfully Yours,
Deborah Lightner AM

From the Secretary of Lodge 162:

Dues cards are in and notices are in the mail. Please remember that the due date for 2020 dues is January 1, 2020. Online payment is available at the Our Lodge web page at:

162-mi.ourlodgepage.com.



COLOMA LODGE No. 162

F. and A.M.

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**January 2: Regular Communication,
7:30 p.m.**

From the East:

I can't thank everyone enough for all the work that was put into making my installation as Worshipful Master an awesome experience. 2020 promises to be an eventful year with degree work and events for our families.

We were delighted to host the presentation of a B.E.S.T. grant from the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation to Hope Resources, a non-profit resource center and food pantry that assists residents in Coloma, Watervliet, Riverside and Hagar Shores. MWB Walt Wheeler, Executive Director of the Foundation, along with MWGM Mark Manning, RWDGM Craig Maison, MWB Bob Conley, MWB Don Baugher and PM and Board Member Howard Crumit were here to present the \$20,000 grant to Executive Director Carole Sternaman and Executive Manager Pam Quinn. We were honored to host the presentation on behalf of all local Masons in Southwest Michigan.

Coloma Lodge also presented the **Edgar A. Guest Community Service Award** to Carole Sternaman to honor her service to the communities of northern Berrien County.

Hope Resources will be opening their new office space below our lodge and we look forward to working with them to provide relief to people in this area.

See you in lodge.

Fraternally, Bill Weeden, WM

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 29	Dec 30 Hanukkah Completed	Dec 31 NEW YEARS EVE	Jan. 1 NEW YEARS DAY	Jan. 2 Coloma 162 Regular	Jan. 3	Jan. 4 Peninsular Lodge #10 Installation Dowagiac
5	6 Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	7 St. Joseph 437 Regular Niles Lodge #4 Eat 6/Mtg 7	8 America Chapter OES DARK	9	10 National Sojourners Luncheon Niles York Rite meetings	11
12	13 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	14 437 Practice	15	16	17 Shrine Club At Lydia's	18
19	20 M.L.KING DAY	21 437 Practice	22 America OES Christmas FUN NIGHT	23	24	25
26	27 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	28 437 Degree or Practice	29	30	31 Shrine Club Regular	FEB 1