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BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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

April 16, 2016 - Potentates Ball at FireKeepers Casino in Battle Creek. All Shriners and Masons welcome. Quality Inn rooms are \$103 per night with a shuttle that runs back and forth to FireKeepers. The cost of the Ball is \$55 per person. Our Potentate, Bill Martindale, says: Call me at 269-651-2670 for further details, or call me on my cell at 269-689-7694.

April 21, 2016 is the Blossom Queens' trip to the Shrine Hospital.

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

I was well pleased with the turnout for the Shrine Circus trip on March 10th. We were only one Noble short of having 2 Nobles on each of the four buses. We also enjoyed the company of Connie Kilburn and Jean Hubbard who were on the trip. Thank you to all who supported this.
John Hubbard, President

We do business on the last Friday of the month at the Galley Grill, Stevensville, and join for lunch on the other Fridays.

The **May** newsletter deadline is **April 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
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Sec'y Scott Tavernier 269-277-2009

March 19 MM Degree 1:00 pm
Festive Board after.

March 20 - Feast of the Paschal Lamb
3-4 pm . Open to the public.

March 28 Grand Lodge Summons for lodge Officers. Be at LakeShore lodge at 7 pm.

April 2 Alma trip TBD

April 4 Regular Communication

Brethern,

I would like to thank Brother John Schmidt for putting on another fantastic family bowling outing.

Connie Joe Forker was awarded the Lou B Winsor award, which he will receive at Grand Lodge,

I would like to thank SW Mike Kanger for opening the lodge in my absent he did a outstanding job. Many brothers have put forth a great effort in making this a outstanding lodge and I would like to thank you. We have a pretty busy summer so I would like to thank you in advance for your time and effort, Brothers you have received your Hog Roast tickets lets make this one best one that we have put on.

Fraternally Yours,
Ken E Breaux WM



LAKESHORE LODGE No. 298 F & AM

WM Jeremy Watson 269 377-3694
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Sec'y Sam Schaus 269-463-5780

March 21, 2016 Fellowcraft Practice

March 28, 2016 Fellowship

April 4 2016 Business Meeting

April 11 Fellowship Practice TBA

April 18 Fellowship

April 25 Fellowship

Brethen,

Once again we had a great turn out for meeting and fellowship. I would encourage our members to look for ideas on raising money for our lodge. Please keep our members who cannot make it to lodge and fellowship in our minds and hearts.

Fraternally yours

WM Jeremy Watson

Our Grand Lodge is working diligently with our friends in the Legislature to have our Act of Incorporation amended and signed into Law. The amendment will exempt our Masonic Temples from Real and Personal Property Taxes. This is a crucial time in our Masonic history, with operation costs and taxes threatening to force us to close and sell our buildings. Please contact your Legislators, both Senate and House, and ask for their support of this important legislation. Contact PGM Baugher if you need help contacting your legislators.



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

WM Connie Kilburn 269 621-4403
 WP Robert Kilburn 269 621-4403
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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
Refreshments served 6:30 -7:30
April 9 Breakfast, 8:30 am,
Mill Creek Charlie's, Watervliet
April 20 Mock Initiation, 7:30 pm
April 30 "Spring Fling"
Vendor & Craft Show
SW Michigan Masonic Center
9 am – 3 pm, lunch available
May 4 Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm
May 14 SWDA Annual meeting,
11 am Registration
Kalamazoo Masonic Center
at Schoolcraft
May 18 Mock Initiation, 7:30 pm

Sisters and Brothers:

Please plan to attend our Worthy Grand Patron Ray Abbey's, "Phoenix Workshop" 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.

All America members are needed to help set up for the Spring Fling on Friday evening April 29. "Many hands make light work." Come back on Saturday to shop; we have many interesting crafters and vendors.

It would be wonderful to see a good turnout from America Chapter at the SWDA Annual Meeting on May 14. Reservations are due by May 5, \$10 each. We had a great showing last year.

See you soon,
Connie Kilburn, WM



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

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March 17th 5 – 9 pm
Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner
March 31st 6:30 pm
Master Mason Degree practice
April 7th 7:30 pm Regular meeting
– Dinner at 6:30
April 21st 6:30 pm
Master Mason Degree practice
April 28th 7:30 pm
Master Mason Degree
- dinner at 6:30
June 3rd
Golf outing at Berrien Hills Golf Club

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. Adults \$15.00, Children 12 and under \$7:00. Tickets are available from any of our officers and at the door. Hope you can join us for great food and fellowship. This event is open to the public.

We conferred the FC Degree on our new brother on March 3rd, and once again, I am very proud of my officers for the great job and hard work they put into the degree work.

Our new renter, Gemini Fun & Games, is about to open for business downstairs, and I strongly urge you and your kids/grandkids to stop by and partake in the fun and games provided by our new tenant. It is family friendly.

Our 2nd Annual Golf Outing will be held at the Berrien Hills Golf Club on Friday, June 3rd. Information and registration forms will be available soon and will be sent to all local lodges.

Happy Spring!!!!

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

Brothers with spring just around the corner we are brainstorming for ideas of social things to do this summer while dark. Some of the wonderful ideas we're considering is a picnic, a visit to the South Haven Lodge, a visit to the Grand Lodge Museum in Grand Rapids, a mason day at the Gilmore Car museum. We are open for suggestions.

In April we will be finishing up our first Books for Bikes campaign. We are providing a bike and helmet to each public elementary school in Saint Joseph and Lakeshore to promote reading. A special Thank You goes out to Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan for the matching funds and Meijers for their generosity.

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following brothers:

Mark D Swart, George J. Jaeger,
Richard N. Roberts, W. Michael
Sutherland, W. Michael D Hamilton,
Scott E Heil, Ronald E Kimmerly,
Robert Small, Troy Main

As always brothers we look forward to seeing you in lodge. We are doing some exciting things this year and getting back to the fundamentals of Masonry. If you need a ride, please contact me and we'll make arrangements.

Fraternally,
Greg Weiser, 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.

APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 27	March 28 Grand Lodge District Summons Lakeshore	March 29	March 30	March 31 Coloma MM Practice	April 1 OES Soup Supper w/WGP	April 2 Three Oaks ALMA Trip?
3	4 Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	5 St Joseph 437 Regular	6 America OES Regular	7 Coloma 162 Regular	8	9 America OES Breakfast
10	11 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship/ Practice	12	13	14	15	16 Potentate's BALL at Fire Keepers
17	18 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	19	20 America OES Mock Initiation	21 Blossom Queens to Shrine Hospital Coloma MM Practice	22	23 Three Oaks MM Degree and Festive Board
24 Feast of the Paschal Lamb at Three Oaks	25 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	26	27	28 Coloma 162 MM Degree	29 Shrine Club Regular	30 OES Spring Fling Craft Show