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BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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2018 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

2019 is starting off as a good year.

Calendar sales are still going on and we had our first drawings.

Thank you to all who sold calendars. Looking ahead:

We have the Sweethearts dinner on the 13th of February.

Queens' trip to Chicago Shrine Hospital on April 24.

Corn and Brat Roast on July 30.

Divan and Ladies Night Dinner on September 18.

Red Fez Dinner and Installation of Officers on December 11

February 13 Sweetheart Dinner

February 22 Regular at Galley Grill

March 29 Regular at Galley Grill

Fraternally, Ron Price, President



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

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Brothers,

Thank you for a good January. We had a great EA degree, it went well.

February and March are going to be busy. Come on out to Three oaks for Degrees and other fun stuff.

February:

18th Card's and Other Play on President's Day @ 7PM at the Lodge

23rd FC Degree practice @2PM at Lodge

24th Family Bowling Day @ 2PM (MI time) at City Lanes in Michigan City

25th FC Degree – Dinner @6:30PM, Degree @ 7:30PM

March:

4th Regular Communication – Dinner @ 6:30PM, Lodge @ 7:30 PM

11th EA Degree – Dinner @6:30PM, Degree @ 7:30PM

16th MM Degree – Degree @ 1PM, Festive Board to follow.

See you at lodge.

WM Ron Price



SAINT JOSEPH LODGE No. 437 F. and A.M.

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

March 5, Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

The Fellow Craft Degree scheduled for last week was postponed until this Tuesday February 12 due to the polar vortex last week. Committee assignments were made at the regular meeting on February 5.

437 will be cleaning the lodge on February 19, 6:00 all members are invited to help. MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Members have been returning to lodge meetings and I appreciate having them at the meetings. Please join us for our next regular, March 5 meal 6:30 meeting at 7:00.

Fraternally, Jerry Sirk, WM

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS' CLUB

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

All military veteran Masons welcome.

The April 2019

Newsletter deadline is

MARCH 10, 2019

Please do not be late.

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

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Dear Brothers,

I hope everyone survived the Polar Vortex last month. I would like to thank Jeff Morlock for providing delicious dinners for the month of February. 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.

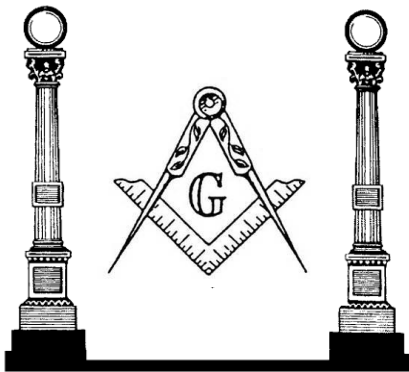
March 4th Regular Business Meeting

March 11th Fellowship

March 18th Fellowship

March 25th Fellowship

Jeff Keehn – Secretary,
Lakeshore Lodge 298



AMERICA Chapter No. 234
O.E.S.

WM Deborah Lightner 269 779-0185
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Sec'y Sue Romelhardt 269-429-2602

February 20 3rd Wednesday Mtg.

March 6 6:15 Food/Fellowship
7:00 Stated Meeting

March 9 OES Brunch @ Super
Buffet BH 11:00

March 20 6:30 Special to Honor
SWDA - White Elephant
Bingo / Potluck

March 27 Clean Masonic Center

Sisters and Brothers,

It is time for us to come together again! We have a lot to accomplish this year. We appreciate all of your contributions.

We offer our condolences to Worthy Matron Debby on the loss of her mother and our sister, Camilla Diebolt. Sympathy to Sister Cheryl on the loss of her mother and aunt.

Your help is needed for planning our "Tea Party" on Sat. April 13 when we honor Helen Milbourne as she presents her "Historic Slide Show"

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on a regular basis after our Winter rest.

Deb Lightner WM



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

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Mar 7 Regular Communication 7:30 pm
Mar 14 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
6-8 p.m.

From the East:

Your brothers at the Coloma Lodge hope that you made it through the arctic weather safely. As we look toward the month of March, we can dare to turn our thoughts to Spring which is just around the corner, regardless of what any groundhog might predict.

You are cordially invited to our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 14 from 6-8 p.m. The food and fellowship make this event a great time for the entire family. Tickets are available from any Coloma Mason. Adults pay only \$15 for all you can eat. Children 12 or younger are only \$7.

And it's not too soon to start making plans to join us for our annual golf outing on July 14 and Lake Cora Hills Golf Course. More details to come.

As many Michigan Lodges have done in February, Coloma Lodge was proud to honor the memory of our Brother George Washington on the occasion of his 286th birthday and celebrated our Masonic veterans. What a great time of reflection on the character of our illustrious brother Washington and the dedication of the Masons who followed his example by serving to Remember that we meet on the first Thursday of every month. Dinner is at 6:30 and the gavel falls at 7:30.

Fraternally, Travis Schultz, WM