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BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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April 21, 2016 is the Blossom Queens' trip to the Shrine Hospital. Be ready to leave at 9:00 AM from Big Boy at I-94. Please park in the back.

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

May 27, 2016 - 12 PM - Lunch, Business Meeting and Drawing at the Galley Grill.

It is Parade time again.

Our First, as usual is the **Blossom Parade on May 7**
If you are not riding a mini-bike, come and ride on the float.

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

To All Low-12 Members.

We are having a Board Meeting on May 12 at the Super Buffet at 7:00 PM.

All members are welcome.

Also remember the Strawberry Festival on June 9 at 7:00 PM in the SW Michigan Masonic Center



THREE OAKS LODGE No. 239 F & AM

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SW Mike Kanger 269-903-9235
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April 18 Temple Board Meeting 6:00

April 20 Widows lunch Featherbone Restaurants 1:30pm

May 2 Regular Communication at 7:30 Dinner at 6:30

Brethen

Thanks brothers for all that showed up for the Master Mason Degree we had a good turn out, to all the officers, you did an outstanding job. I would like to thank the scholarship committee for all the hard work that they put in to come up with the three worthy individuals. For all that are going up to Grand Lodge please make your reservation as soon as possible, Grand Lodge is May 23-24.

Ken E Breaux WM



LAKESHORE LODGE No. 298 F & AM

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May 2 2016 Business Meeting

May 9 Fellowship

May 16 Fellowship

May 23 Fellowship

May 30 Memorial day No fellowship

A day of remembrance

Brethen,

First, I would like to thank all of our visiting Brothers who came to the School Of Instruction. We had total of 53 in attendance for the evening. Next on the agenda for our first Monday in May is food drive. The St. Joe Lodge is doing the there annual mail carrier food drive and pick up and would love for any volunteers. I would like for our next regular for all who attend to bring any non-perishable items to donate. This is a great time to help each other out in our endeavors to be good Masons.

Fraternally yours

WM Jeremy Watson

The June, July & August newsletter deadline is May 10th.
Please do not be late with your material.

E-mail articles to Masons@parrett.net



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

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Sec'y Cheryl Ladd 269-782-8719

April 20 Mock Initiation, 7:00 pm

April 29 Set-up for Spring Fling 6 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
Refreshments at 6:30 pm**

**May 14 SWDA Annual meeting,
11 am Registration**

**Kalamazoo Masonic Center
Schoolcraft**

May 18 Mock Initiation, 7:00 pm

Sisters and Brothers:

America Chapter shared a wonderful evening on April 1 with our Worthy Grand Patron Ray Abbey at his "Phoenix Workshop." We were pleased to host several members from other chapters. Thanks to all who participated and furnished food for this event.

We are saddened by the recent deaths of 3 America Chapter members: Bonnie Shue, Ann Stevens and Rose Ogston (mother of our Treasurer, Linda Heier). We offer our sincere condolences to the families of these members

It worked well in April to start our refreshment time at 6:30 pm before our business meeting. We will do that in May and then evaluate what we do in the future.

All America Chapter members are needed to help set up for the Spring Fling Craft and Vendor show on Friday evening April 29 At 6 pm. "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 turn-out 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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April 21 6:30 pm MM Degree practice

April 26 6:30 pm MM Degree practice

April 28 7:30 pm M M Degree

- dinner at 6:30

May 5 7:30 pm Regular meeting

- Dinner at 6:30

May 23-24

**Grand Lodge Annual Communication
in Traverse City**

June 3rd

Golf outing at Berrien Hills Golf Club

Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner and fund raiser was held on March 17th at Ray's on the Green. Thanks to everyone who came. It was a fun and successful evening.

We will be conferring the Master Mason Degree on April 28th at 7:30 pm. Come out and give us a hand and enjoy the fellowship.

Our new renter, Gemini Fun & Games, is 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. Players and hole sponsors are needed.

We will be selling raffle tickets over the summer. On October 13th at our Annual Past Master's/Widow's Dinner we will draw the winning tickets. 1st prize is a Remington Police Magnum Shotgun and 2nd prize is a 32 inch flat screen TV. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available from any officer. If you are willing to sell tickets and help with this fund raiser contact secretary Baugher for tickets.

**Your 2016 dues were due on January 1st.
We still have 19 NPDs.**

Fraternally, Andy Herrold, WM



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

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Welcome to Spring, Brothers!

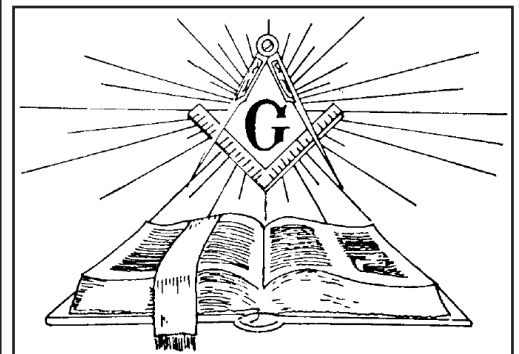
Please plan on coming to the May regular on Tuesday May 3, where we'll be discussing and voting on the resolutions for the upcoming Grand Lodge communication.

The Letter Carriers food drive is May 14. Saint Joe 437 supports this event by following mail carriers and picking up the food. Please plan on helping out if you have a chance. We are meeting at the Benton Harbor Post Office at 09:30. We could use all the help we can. Pick Up trucks are especially needed.

We are looking for fundraising ideas, if you have any let me know. Any brothers that have not been to lodge lately, we'd enjoy your fellowship. If you need a ride please contact me.

Happy May Masonic birthdays to the following brothers: Scott Goodenough, Greg Weiser, Casey Mclaughlin, and Rex Hartwig

**Fraternally,
Greg Weiser, WM**



MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 1	2 Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	3 St Joseph 437 Regular	4 America OES Regular	5 Coloma 162 Regular	6	7 Blossom Parade
8	9 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	10	11	12 Low 12 Board Meeting	13	14 437 Food Drive OES SWDA Annual Meeting
15	16 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	17	18 America OES Mock Initiation	19	20	21
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