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BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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Sec'y	John Keyser	269-429-1058

2017 Friday lunch schedule

- **1st & 2nd at China Super Buffet**
- **3rd, 4th, 5th at Galley Grill**
- **Business meeting - last Friday**

Upcoming events:

- **April 17 Blossom Queen Trip to Shrine Hospital**
- **May 6, Blossom Parade – Shrine Float and Mini-Bike Patrol**

News:

Onions have been ordered; talk to your contacts for your pre-sales.

Corn roast is coming; remember to solicit raffle prizes from your sources.

Parades start soon; we always need Shriners to ride the float.

Fraternally, Robert Kilburn, President

National Sojourners Club

New officers were appointed by outgoing president John Bellinger: President Robert Kilburn; Secretary Ron Price; and Treasurer John Hubbard. Next meeting is May 9, 11:30 am at Super Buffet.

MAY 11 at 6:30 PM
LOW 12 CLUB
BOARD MEETING
at the SUPER BUFFET
in Benton Harbor

SAINT JOSEPH LODGE No. 437 F & A M

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Brothers,

Please plan on joining us Saturday **May 20th** for a fundraiser breakfast at 09:00 before the raffle drawing for the Henry Masonic Tribute rifle. The rifle drawing will be held between and 10:00 and 11:00. If you have not purchased your raffle tickets, there is a very small number available and we expect to sell out soon, please contact one of the lodge officers.

We will once again be supporting the letter carrier food drive on **May 13th.** Please plan on supporting us. This fills a need, when children are out of school and not getting meals provided by the schools.

Mark your calendar for **August 1st.** St. Joe 437 will once again be working with Lakeshore 298 at the National Night out Ice Cream social providing child IDs. If you have not helped with this, it is a lot of fun. This event will be held at Riverview Park in St. Joseph. Last year a masonic provided child ID was used to locate a missing child. We are making a difference.

Respectfully

Greg Weiser PM

LAKESHORE LODGE No. 298 F & AM

WM	John Keyser	269-429-1058
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April 17- Fellowship and clean-up, Dinner at 6:30 PM.
April 24- Fellowship, Dinner at 6:30 PM. Lodge history presentation
May 1 - Regular - Dinner at 6:30 PM. Meeting at 7:30 PM
May 8 - Fellowship, Dinner at 6:30 PM
May 15 - Fellowship, Dinner at 6:30 PM
May 22 - Fellowship, Dinner at 6:30 PM
May 29 - Fellowship, Dinner at 6:30 PM. Officers Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

We have the Star of the Lake Lodge traveling gavel back in our lodge again. Would anyone want to come and get it?

John Keyser, WM

The **SUMMER 2017** newsletter deadline is **MAY 10th. This is the June, July & August Issue.**
Please do not be late.

E-mail articles to Masons@parrett.net

THREE OAKS LODGE No. 239
F & A M

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Hello Brothers,

Spring things in the Lodge are coming together. A big thanks to all the brothers who had much valuable input on this years Grand Lodge issues. The more experienced brothers that give me insight to and a different outlook on the issues is critical to the future of our lodge and also to all the lodges in the state.

The Hog roast is set for **June 24th**; See brother TJ to get your tickets. We are also looking for silent auction items, the more we can get the better!!!

The raffle is coming together. I received the license from the state and brother Jack should be getting the tickets soon. There will also be a prize for the brother that sells the most tickets.

The by-laws have been voted on and passed by a 100% vote of the lodge members present at the April regular. We will be getting a new printed copy of the by-laws out to all the brothers soon.

We are all signed up to be a part of the "WORLDS LARGEST FLAG DAY PARADE" on **June 11th**; Clear your calendars now!!!

A great interest was shown at the last regular for the Incubator project. This will take place at the lodge on **May 13th** at 9:00 am. This project will take new ideas, big or small, to make our lodge a better place. Great things come out of this project; I hope all that showed interest would attend.

We will be having an EA practice on **April 23rd at 1:00 PM**. We will also be having a EA Degree for two new brothers on **April 24th** with a 6:00 PM start. We will be having something new added to our degrees thanks to brother Dave Moll. Want to know what it is? Come to the degree and find out! Our regular will be held on **May 1st at 7:30** with a meal at 6:30.

I hope to see the all the brothers at the up coming events.

Thank you, Mike Kanger WM

COLOMA LODGE No. 162
F & A M

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April 20th School of Instruction for District Lodges 6:30 pm
May 4th 7:30 pm Regular Meeting - Dinner at 6:30
May 20th Masonic Memorial Service for Bro. Paul Twyman in Sparta 1:00 pm
May 22-23 Grand Lodge Annual Communication - Dearborn

Looks like we are in for a busy year at Coloma Lodge. We are currently working with three prospects using the Six Step Program. One of them joined us for dinner before our April Regular meeting. Two others have expressed an interest and have been contacted to set up meetings. There were also two, who dropped in for dinner. One had a filled out petition. We will start him in the Six Step Program also.

The Traveling Gavel has returned to Lakeshore Lodge at our April Regular.

We will host our District's School of Instruction on **April 20th** at 6:30 pm. Regional Grand Lecturer John Hill and DDI Rob Byrd will be here.

Our Golf Outing will be Sunday, **July 16th** at Lake Michigan Hills located at 2520 Kerlikowske Rd, Benton Harbor. Shotgun start at 1:00 pm. Registration at 12:20. Cost is $75.00 which includes your golf and cart, box lunch and many prizes. Join us for a fun day. Information on how to register a team, sponsor a hole or donate a prize is available from any officer or on our web page.

Raffle tickets are now available from **any** of our officers for the gun raffle we will hold at our Past Master's/Widow's dinner on **October 12th.** We will be giving away a Shotgun and a Muzzle Loader. Tickets are $5.00 each.

If you haven't paid your 2017 dues, your dues card has expired and you may not visit other lodges or appendant organizations. If you haven't done so, please pay your dues ASAP.

Fraternally, Bryce Schadler, WM

AMERICA CHAPTER No. 234
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April 19 Mock Initiation 7 pm
May 3 6:30 pm meal, 7:30 pm Regular Business Meeting, Refreshments: Brian & Vicki Baker, Jeri Spitzer
May 11 Bus trip to Masonic Home
May 13 Breakfast at Mill Creek Charlie's, 8:30 am
May 17 Mock Initiation, 7 pm
May 20 SWDA Annual Meeting at Kalamazoo County Masonic Center

Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you to the members who turned out to help clean the Masonic Center. We dug into spots that hadn't been touched in many months or years. It was a job well done!

Thursday, May 11, is our trip to the Masonic Home in Alma. The bus will pick us up at the Masonic Center at 7:45 am and return us by 4 pm. We will hear a presentation, provided lunch, and conducted on a tour. All Masons, Stars and friends are invited. Call Connie Kilburn for your reservation.

We were honored by a visit from Worthy Grand Matron Colleen Wilcenski and Worthy Grand Patron Bob Otte at our April meeting. They presented Robert Kilburn with his commission as Grand Representative of Minnesota in Michigan.

We continue to have great attendance at our 2nd Saturday breakfast gatherings. Hope to see you on May 13 at Mill Creek Charlie's in Watervliet.

Connie Kilburn, Worthy Matron

May 11, 2017

Bus Trip to the Masonic Pathways Home in Alma.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 30	May 1 Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	May 2 St. Joseph 437 Regular	May 3 OES America 234 Regular	May 4 Coloma 162 Regular	May 5 Shrine Club lunch at Super Buffet	May 6 BLOSSOM PARADE
7	8 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	9 National Sojourners Lunch Meeting	10 Shrine Club Dinner at Super Buffet	11 OES ALMA Trip Low 12 Board Meeting	12 Shrine Club lunch at Super Buffet	13 OES 234 Breakfast Three Oaks Incubator St. Joe 437 Food Drive
14	15 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	16	17 OES America 234 Initiation	18	19 Shrine Club Lunch at Galley Grill	20 St. Joe 437 Breakfast OES SWDA 162 Twyman Memorial
21	22 GRAND LODGE Lakeshore Fellowship	23	24	25	26 Shrine Club MEETING at Galley Grill	27
28	29 Lakeshore Fellowship Officers Mtg	30	31	June 1 Coloma 162 Regular	June 2 Shrine Club lunch at Super Buffet	June 3