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BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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2018 Friday lunch schedule

1st & 2nd at Super Buffet
3rd, 4th, 5th at Galley Grille
Business meeting – last Friday

Greetings! Spring has to spring. Have you paid your dues? Do it Now! Send to: Berrien County Shrine Club, PO Box 224, St Joseph, MI 49085

Jim Cobianco ASAP at 269-214-4646

Our next 2 regular meetings will be at the Galley Grille on **April 27** and **May 25**. All Berrien County Shriners are welcome to attend.

May 5 is the Blossom Parade

May 8 is our **Queens' trip to the Chicago Shrine Hospital**. Please let Jim Cobianco know if you want to go with us.

May 28 Parade in Buchanan –
Memorial day

Fraternally, Ron Price, President



AMERICA Chapter No. 234 O.E.S.

WM Jessica Green 269-369-4371
WP Bryan Green 269-932-8459
Sec'y Sue Romelhardt 269-429-2602

May 2nd: 6:15pm meal and
7pm regular meeting.

May 12th: Breakfast

May 16th: Mock initiation

May 19th: SWDA Meeting in
Schoolcraft

Brothers and sisters,

I look forward to seeing you all at the May meeting. I have down that Brian and Vicki Baker are providing the meal for our May regular meeting. I will be announcing where May 12th breakfast will be during our May meeting. Happy May everyone!

Jessica Green, Worthy Matron
Bryan Green, Worthy Patron

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS' CLUB

Pres. Bob Kilburn 269-621-4403
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Regular Meeting – 2nd Friday of each month, 11:30 AM at the Super Buffet, prior to the Shrine Club luncheon.

All Masons who served in the Armed Forces are welcome. Please join us if you are able



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

WM Rex Hartwig 269-___-___
Sec'y Stuart Fenton 269-369-7835

Hi Brothers. Here is the news from 437 for May.

It's been so great to see such a great turn out at our regular meetings; the Past Masters support has been fantastic. The lodge enjoys your continued support. We appreciate the continued attendance and education that you bring to our meetings.

Here are a few key dates.

May 1st is our regular meeting
May 15th Lodge clean up, fellowship and practice night.

Come join us all brothers.

May 22-23rd Grand Lodge communication in Grand Rapids

Rex Hartwig, WM, St Joseph No. 437

**The SUMMER 2018
JUNE-JULY-AUGUST
Newsletter deadline is
MAY 10, 2018**

Please do not be late.
e-mail article to
Masons@parrett.net



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

WM Andy Heier 269-208-5109
SW Ray Alderdice 269-428-2010
Sec'y Jeff Keehn, PM 269-208-8710

Dear Brothers,

It was great having some brothers that have been hibernating over the winter come out and break bread with all the brothers. No matter how often you can come, no matter how long it has been, we'd love to have you stop by for a visit. I want to thank Bro. David Van Antwerp for the wonderful meals he provided for the month of April. We will be gearing up for some degree work in the next few weeks, so please come out and support the lodge officers in presenting the best degree work ever.

- May 7 Regular Business Meeting
- May 14 FC Degree
- May 21 MM Practice
- May 22-23 Grand Lodge Grand Rapids
- May 28 MM Practice

It is great that so many of our brothers have paid their 2018 dues, but we still have a few outstanding. Please let me know if you would like to make payments or if your situation may require a different approach.

Fraternally yours,

Jeffrey A. Keehn, P.M., 33°

Secretary Lakeshore Lodge No. 298

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Low-12 Planning Meeting
on May 10 at the SWMichigan
Masonic Center: 7:00 PM
Members Only!



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

WM Charlie Weeden 269-214-6870
SW Travis Schultz 269-861-7738
Sec'y David Mayne, PM 269-487-6750

May 3 Regular Communication, 7:30
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

From the East:

It's Spring! While the transition from winter was a bit slow, but things have been warming up for all brothers at Coloma Lodge.

First, thanks to all who made this year's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner a phenomenal success. Not only did the brothers at Coloma Lodge pitch in to provide a wonderful meal, but the dinner was well attended and all enjoyed great food and fellowship.

Secondly, thank you to all who helped to deliver Easter lilies to our Masonic Widows. This was our first year for this, and like the Christmas poinsettias, the ladies were delighted to know that we remember them.

Thirdly, I am very proud to announce that Coloma raised a Master Mason April 7, and two more could be waiting. If you want to be involved in the degree, we would enjoy having you help us make the Masonic experience meaningful for these fine men.

Finally, all are invited to our fourth annual golf outing. We will tee off at Lake Cora Hills Golf Course in Paw Paw. Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. July 15. Brother Dave Baiers is bringing his smoker to prepare a post-outing meal – that alone is worth the price of admission! Registration forms will be sent to your home lodge and are also available on our Facebook page; just type "Coloma 162's annual golf outing" into the search bar or visit our webpage at www.coloma162.org.

In the meantime, THINK SPRING!
Fraternally, Charlie Weeden, WM



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

WM Thomas Oldenburg 269-208-5175
SW Ron Price 269-70-6577
Sec'y Scott Tavernier 269-277-2009

Brothers,

I want to extend a sincere thank you, to all those who helped out on the Master Mason degree and the Henry Chamberlain day. March was a busy month.

Hog roast tickets are now available and, as you know, June will be here before you know it. If you need tickets, they we be available at the lodge at our business meetings,

degrees, and practices, or call me. I implore you all, sell tickets and get us silent auction items. These are the key to make this a successful event.

On May 19 we are having our next open house to commentate 95 years at our current location, come celebrate with us.

- April 15th 10am 150th year meeting
- April 16th 6pm EA practice
- April 23rd 7:30pm EA degree, no meal prior
- May 7th regular communication 7:30pm
- May 19th Open House 11an-2pm

Fraternally Yours,
Tom Oldenburg

