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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

Autumn is here and the year is slowly coming to an end. On that note, remember we have Election of officers coming up and Installation at the RED FEZ Dinner.

Calendar:

25 Oct. regular at Noon: Galley Grill
 26-27 Oct & 2-3 Nov Cass Turkey Shoot

16 Nov. lunch at Lydia's

22 Nov. regular at Noon: Galley Grill
 11 Dec 6:30PM Red Fez Dinner at Skips

Fraternally, Ron Price, President

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS' CLUB

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

All military veteran Masons welcome.

The DECEMBER 2019

Newsletter deadline is

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Please do not be late.

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

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The year is coming to an end and thanks to my officers and Brothers for helping me thru it. We still have things to do: Election of Officers, Fellowcraft Degree, Past Master Night, Master Mason Degree and Festive Board and Installation.

Upcoming events:

- 21 Oct; FC Degree
6:30PM Dinner 7:30PM Degree
- 23 Oct; Past Master Dinner at Featherbone 6:30PM
- 27 Oct; Fellowship and cards 6:00PM
- 2 Nov; MM Degree 1:00PM Degree, Festive Board to follow
- 4 Nov; Regular 6:30 PM Dinner 7:30 PM Meeting
- 13 Nov; School of Instruction in Niles

See you at lodge. WM Ron Price



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

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Dear Brothers,

Wow what a great fall so far with all the beautiful color change. Big thanks to Steve Agens for providing great meals for the month of October. We are ready to get back to work with degree work, fun and fellowship. Please join us for dinner every Monday at 6:30.

October 21st Lodge Clean Up

October 28th Fellowship

November 3rd Daylight Savings Time Ends "Fall Back"

November 4th Regular Business Meeting

November 11th Fellowship

November 18th Past Masters, Widows and Awards Night

November 25th Fellowship





SAINT JOSEPH LODGE No. 437

F. and A.M.

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This month, 437 will review two new Entered Apprentice candidates and initiate one on 10/8/2019 on the other 11/12/2019.

Our fifth annual "Warm Their Feet" sock drive is getting underway. In the previous drives we raised a total of 3,129 pairs of socks. The socks are distributed through the Salvation Army's shelter for homeless men, Emergency Shelter Services, a shelter for single women and families, and West Michigan Guardianship service for vulnerable individuals who need assistance in managing their finances. This year we are adding the Foster Children from Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services. Our goal is to collect 2,000 pairs of new socks in all sizes. Socks are reportedly the most requested clothing item at homeless shelters.

The lodge has participated in three Child ID programs this summer providing Child ID information to 75 parents at no cost to them. These parents will have all the information that they need to help locate their children if necessary. We hope that the parents will never need to use the Child ID information, but it is a comfort to have it.

St Joseph Lodge #437 is conducting a raffle for information on the raffle and to purchase tickets contact a member of the lodge.

Brother Rex Hartwig has a goal of writing a history of the lodge. This is quite an undertaking since two lodges merged in 1904 to form the St. Joseph Lodge and records are scarce from the time before that. If you know anything about Freemasonry in St Joseph prior to 1904 please give Rex Hartwig a call. We do have a page form the St. Joseph newspaper from the time of the merger which made St. Joseph Lodge the second largest in the state at that time.

Fraternally yours,
Jerry Sirk, Worshipful Master



AMERICA CHAPTER No. 234

O.E.S.

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Nov. 6 Business Mtg. 7pm/Meal 6pm

Nov 9 Brunch Country Kitchen 10am

Nov. 10 Sun. SWDA Vespers Service

Nov. 16 Sat. Membership Conference

Nov. 20 School of Instruction

The "Light of Knowledge" Grand Chapter session this last week was in Battle Creek. It was an amazing event & our area was well represented.

We congratulate & look forward to having Kris Quint and Augie Meyer in the East this year. Installation will be Wed. Oct. 16th @ 7pm with a reception following.

We have a full month, starting with our 1st Wed. Bus. Mtg. @ 7pm w/Meal and fellowship 6pm (provided by Deb & Bev).

We will continue our 2nd Sat. Brunches @ 10am at Country Kitchen.

SWDA will have its ESTARL Vesper Service/Potluck on Sun. Nov. 10th at Trinity Episcopal Church in Three Rivers.

The Grand Family's focus this year is membership and they have organized a "Membership Conference" to be attended by all chapters delegates in Mt. Morris on Sat. Nov 16th. It is designed to share methods & ideas to increase and retain membership in this ever changing world we live in.

Our combined "School of Instruction" with Niles & Edwardsburg will be Wed Nov. 20th At 7pm with America #234 hosting. Look for email details in the near future.

We look forward to another fun filled, fruitful year of service, as we reach out to our Sisters Brothers, and communities, to strengthen our wonderful Fraternal bonds.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Lightner AM
America #234



COLOMA LODGE No. 162

F. and A.M.

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November 7:

Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

December 5:

Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

December 6: Installation of Officers

From the East:

Many thanks to all who made our Past Maters and Sweethearts Dinner a rousing success! WB Charlie Weeden and his wife, Laura, prepared a fine meal and many brothers helped to make other preparations. MW Grand Master Mark Manning delivered an inspiring speech about the future of our fraternity.

As we look to the remaining months of the year, your brothers at Coloma Lodge join Masons around the area in saluting our local veterans in appreciation for their service in preserving our freedom. Installation of Officers for 202 takes place on December 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Area masons are welcome to visit during our regular communications held on the first Thursday of every month. Dinner is at 6:30 and the gavel falls at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally, Travis Schultz, WM

From the Secretary:

Look for your 2020 dues notices coming in the mail in late October or early November.



NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct. 27 CASS Shrine Turkey Shoot ----- Three Oaks Fellowship and Cards	Oct. 28 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship Niles OES Open Installation	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2 Second Weekend of Cass Shrine Turkey Shoot
3 CASS Shrine Turkey Shoot ----- “FALL back” Take an hour off your clocks	4 Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	5 St. Joseph 437 Regular Niles Lodge #4 Eat 6/Mtg 7	6 America Chapter OES Regular	7 Coloma 162 Regular	8 Niles York Rite meetings	9 America OES 234 Breakfast ----- Grand Rapids York Rite College and KT Inspection
10	11 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship Niles OES	12 St. Joseph 437 EA Degree	13 Dist. #40 F & A M School of Instruction in Niles 7:00 pm	14	15	16 OES Membership Conference Mt. Morris
17	18 Lakeshore 298 Past Masters Widows and Awards	19	20 OES School of Instruction America Niles Edwardsburg	21	22 Shrine Club Regular	23
24	25 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	26	27	28 THANKS- GIVING Holiday	29	30