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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

Summer is almost over. Thanks to all the Nobles who helped at the Corn and Brat Roast. Good times were had by all that attended. Next big thing is the Ladies and Divan Dinner, September 18th, more information to come.

Calendar:

30 August regular at Noon: Galley Grill
13 Sept. Board meeting 12 noon

18 Sept. Ladies and Divan dinner 6pm
 Hilton Garden Inn and suites.

27 Sept. regular at Noon: Galley Grill
 Elections of Officers is coming up, so think about what you would like to do.

Fraternally, Ron Price, President



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

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 Sec'y Scott Tavernier 269-277-2009

Brothers,

We were dark the last 2 months, but things went down. We had our Hog Roast and Gun raffle. Thanks to all the Brothers who sold tickets and helped at the Hog Roast. Thanks to all who came out to the Hog Roast. Our Pancake Breakfast is on **Sunday August 25** 7:30 am to 11:00 am, \$8 adult \$4 for children under 12.

Remember that the September regular will be on **September 9th** since the 2nd is Labor Day. Dinner at 6:30 pm, gavel at 7:30 pm. See you all there.

See you at lodge. WM Ron Price

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS' CLUB

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

All military veteran Masons welcome.



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

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Dear Brothers,

Wow, brothers! What a great summer filled with picnics and golf outings. We will be back on our regular schedule starting with our September Business Meeting. Lakeshore Lodge meets every Monday of the month, except holidays. Dinner and fellowship at 6:30 PM and lodge opens at 7:30 PM. All masons are welcome.

August 15th Northern Berrien County Annual Steak Fry

August 24th H. Paul Florin Charity Golf Outing

September 2nd Labor Day

September 9th Regular Business Meeting

September 16th Fellowship

September 23rd Fellowship

September 30th Fellowship

Jeff Keehn – Secretary
 Lakeshore Lodge 298

The OCTOBER 2019
 Newsletter deadline is
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

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SAINT JOSEPH LODGE No. 437

F. and A.M.

WM Jerry Sirk (269) 934-7475
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Brothers,

On **September 3**, St. Joseph Lodge #437 will come back to light.

The Lodge had a very busy summer. We had our annual picnic on July 20, attendance was good even with the stifling temperatures, so we had an indoor picnic. In attendance were a number of Eastern Star members and the Grand Marshal.

On July 27 we raised a brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The lodge members met every Tuesday during the summer to practice for the degree. The degree went very well.

On **August 16** we will be honoring our brother Walter Ignatovich with his 70-year service pin and his veteran's medal. Congratulations Brother Walter Ignatovich!

Arrangements have been made to include the Berrien county's 250 Foster Children in this fall's "WARM THEIR FEET" sock drive. Last year's drive provided 1,630 pair of Socks for the homeless and needy at the Salvation Army Men's Shelter, The Safe Shelter, and the West Michigan Guardianship.

I am looking forward to returning to light, welcoming a new Master Mason and beginning the process of initiating an additional set new member.

Jerry Sirk, Worshipful Master,
St. Joseph Lodge #437



AMERICA CHAPTER No. 234

O.E.S.

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**OES Brunch Sat. Aug. 17th at 10am
Country Kitchen**

**Annual/Business mtg 6pm Wed. Sept. 4th
Meal 6pm (Greens & Fentons)**

**OES Brunch Sat. Sept. 14th Country
Kitchen**

Sept. 18- Game night 6:30 pm

Business mtg 6pm Wed. Oct. 2nd

Meal 6pm (TBD who furnishes)

Grand Chapter Session Sunday Oct. 6th

Thru Thursday Oct 10th

Installation of New Officers TBD

We've had a very eventful spring and summer!!

In June we hosted PGM Bernie McSweyn 's Grand Family's Symbolism Program . We had a Potluck Salad Bar luncheon. Both the program and meal were exceptional!

In August we co-hosted a reception with Corinthian Chapter for Cheryl Ladd, Larry Hoekstra and Lois Schmelling. The Picnic themed event went extremely well and a good time was had by all.

I want to express my heartfelt Thanks to each one of you for your support, efforts and teamwork. Much has been asked of you as a group and you have risen to the challenges and made our chapter shine. I can't begin to imagine a better group of individuals to be working with. We all have our strengths and together we do great things!!

We are thrilled to officially welcome our newest member, Barbara Dickert, who recently moved back and is a dual member in Newberry, SC.

For our regular business meeting Wed. Sept 4th, the Greens and Fentons furnishing the meal.

We are looking toward the Fall and many more fun projects and events to come!

Hope to see you all there!

Fraternally Yours, Debby Lightner WM



COLOMA LODGE No. 162

F. and A.M.

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Sec'y David Mayne, PM 269-487-6750

Regular Communications, 7:30 p.m.

September 5,

October 3,

Past Master's and Sweethearts Dinner

October 10

From the East:

Your brothers at the Coloma Lodge trust that you enjoyed a safe and happy summer.

Thanks to all the brothers and sponsors who participated in and supported our 5th Annual Golf Outing in July. Worshipful Brother Charlie Weeden and the committee did an excellent job of coordinating the event. The outing is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year and this year was no exception.

Coloma Lodge also marched in the Coloma Glad-Peach Festival parade this year, and we received so many good comments from spectators who were happy to see their local Masons in the event.

We are very proud to announce that Hope Resources Food Pantry will soon be occupying the space downstairs at the lodge building. We are delighted to have them as neighbors because their mission is so closely aligned with those of Freemasonry when it comes to providing relief to those who need it. Many thanks to Past Grand Master Don Baugher, WB Chip Shimer, Brother Matt Moser and Brother Steve Martens and others for their hard work in getting the space prepared for our new neighbor. We expect that Hope Resources will begin operation in their new location before the end of the year.

See you in lodge.

Fraternally, Travis Schultz, WM

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 LABOR DAY	3 St. Joseph 437 Regular	4 America Chapter Regular & Annual	5 Coloma 162 Regular	6	7
8	9 Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	10	11	12 LOW 12 Ladies Night Supper Buffet	13 Shrine Club Board Meeting	14 America Chapter OES BRUNCH
15	16 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	17	18 OES Game Night ----- Shrine Club Ladies & Divan Dinner	19	20	21
22	23 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	24	25	26	27 Shrine Club Regular	28
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