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### BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

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#### 2019 Friday lunch schedule

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at Super Buffet

**If there are 5 Fridays in the month,  
lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> is at Lydia's in  
Bridgman**

Last 2 Fridays at Galley Grille  
Business meeting – last Friday

**We are resuming our monthly  
business luncheons.**

The Galley Grill has changed its hours and will be closing at 1:00 pm, so we will meet at 11:00, have lunch after the meeting and leave by 1:00 pm

We hope to see you August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Come and help plan this year's  
RED FEZ Dinner.

**John Keyser, President**

### NATIONAL SOJOURNERS' CLUB

Regular– 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 11:30 AM at the  
Super Buffet.  
All military veteran Masons welcome.

**SUSPENDED do to COVID-19**



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

WM Bryan Green 269-932-8459  
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#### Brothers,

St Joseph Lodge #437, meets on the first Tuesday of each month, dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00. All Masons welcome.

Southwest Michigan Masonic Center  
3661 Napier Ave.,  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

Fraternally, Bryan Green, WM

#### To EVERYONE

My sincere apologies for the delay in sending out this issue.

My old computer decided to STOP, and it has been quite a task rebuilding to applications and data I was used to having on hand.

**Fraternally, John Hubbard**

**The NOVEMBER 2020  
Newsletter deadline is  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

Please do not be late.  
e-mail article to  
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### COLOMA LODGE No. 162 F. and A.M.

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#### From the East:

Like many of the lodges in southwest Michigan, there are many designs on the trestle board at Coloma Lodge waiting for us when return to labor. We are looking forward to conferring the degrees that were put on hold. After many days of social distancing, this year's outing promises to be a welcome event. Please make plans now to join us and participate as a sponsor. Go online at <https://162-mi.ourlodgepage.com/files> to see the flyer.

In the meantime, please be safe and check-in on elderly or shut-in brothers and widows. Our profession of brotherly love, relief and truth is even more important in these challenging times.

Fraternally,  
Bill Weeden, WM



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

WM Kris Quint (269) 926-7610  
 WP Augie Meyer (269) 4299-4758  
 Sec'y Sue Romelhardt (269)-429-2602

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Greetings and Virtual Hugs to you all! I have some good news to share with you!

Two scholarships have been awarded to Chapter member relatives!. An Educational Board scholarship to Libbee Nason, Shirlee Benford's Granddaughter, & ESTARL scholarships to Brian Lightner, Cousin of Deb Lightner.

Sister Ruth McDonald celebrated her 95th birthday, in Covid fashion, with a parade of church members honking as they drove past her house.

We are awaiting instructions on how to close our books from the WGM and have received word from the MWGM that meetings are to be postponed until further notice.

Dues Notices have been sent out, & if you haven't yet sent yours in, now is the time.

Thank you to those who've already sent them in, and a huge Thank You to Sue !!

Please keep all of our fraternal family in your thoughts & prayers, as you don't know what each one is facing in their personal lives. Make a goal to reach out with a call, Card or email to someone each day, or even week.. Who doesn't like to be remembered!?

Sister Jeri Spitzer is in need of our prayers, love & support as she faces a new health challenge.

September is our month to clean the lodge, and we'll keep you informed once we have The time, date and specifics for cleaning during the Pandemic, for anyone who is willing & able to help. Keep the Faith!! We are a strong resilient people & I believe we will see a brighter tomorrow once this storm passes.



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

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**Hello Brothers-**

I hope you all are well and have been enjoying another beautiful Michigan summer. We are excited to get back to work here at Lakeshore Lodge next month and are looking forward to a busy Fall. Please come out and join us Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> for fellowship and our regular communication. It will be an eventful evening with an entered apprentice proficiency as well as presentation of some 50, 60 and yes one 70-year pin. Come join us and help congratulate our brothers for their years of service to our fraternity and our community. Looking forward to seeing you all! Till then safe travels my brethren...

Fraternally,

Tony Staggs, WM

September 7<sup>th</sup> Labor Day - Dark

September 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Business Meeting

September 21<sup>st</sup> FC Practice

September 28<sup>th</sup> FC Degree

September Birthdays

Todd A. Binsz Kevin Flynn

Jerry D. Hunt Douglas D. Briney

Edward L. Stankus James D. Davis Jr

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**THREE OAKS LODGE No. 239  
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**Greetings From the East Brothers**

As always, I hope you and your families are healthy and safe. I was proud to represent our Lodge at the Grand Lodge Session on August 7<sup>th</sup> 2020, where our new Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mason's in Michigan, Craig Maison, was installed and the line of Grand Officers were confirmed.

I am looking forward to our next regular meeting on **September 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7:30 pm.** The year has been short, and we still have a lot of business to take care of. Attendance is everything to be able to conduct business and get things done. We would like to say congratulation to our scholarship recipients Levi Strausse, and Emma Schmidt for all their hard work. We wish them the best for their future and are grateful we can help our students.

Fraternally yours

Tim Jarrett W.M Lodge 239



# September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 30	Aug 31	Sept 1  St. Joseph 437 Regular	Sept 2	Sept 3  Coloma 162 Regular	Sept 4	Sept 5
6	7  LABOR DAY	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  Regulars Lakeshore 298 & 3 Oaks 239	15	16	17	18	19
20	21  Lakeshore 298 FC Practice	22	23	24	25  Berrien County Shrine Club	26
27	28  Lakeshore 298 FC Degree	29	30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3