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SAINT JOSEPH Masonic Lodge  
THREE OAKS Masonic Lodge  
LAKESHORE Masonic Lodge  
COLOMA Masonic Lodge**

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**March 15th 6:00 pm Corned Beef  
and Cabbage Dinner at BHGC  
April 6th 7:30 pm Regular Meeting  
- Dinner at 6:30**

The Traveling Gavel is back at Coloma Lodge. Five of our members visited Mattawan Lodge at their March Regular and brought the gavel home. Now let's see how many visitors/lodges we have at our April 6th meeting to take it away from us.

By the time most of you see this we will have done our Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at Ray's on the Green. Hope you didn't miss it.

Our Golf Outing will be on Sunday, July 16th at Lake Michigan Golf Hills. We will have a shot gun start shortly after noon. Cost for the event is \$75.00 which includes your golf and cart, meal and many prizes. Put a team together and join us for a fun day. Information on how to sponsor a hole or donate a prize will be out soon.

Raffle tickets are now available from any of our officers for the gun raffle we will be holding 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.

Your lodge dues were due on January 1st. If you haven't paid them they are past due, and your dues card has expired. You may not visit other lodges or attend appendant organizations. If you haven't done so, please pay your dues ASAP.

**Fraternally, Bryce Schadler, WM**



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Thank you, to all who "stepped up" in my absence at this month's regular. I understand that the Lodge was opened and closed in all harmony with Brother Rex Hartwig in the East. Special thanksto our Junior Warden, Glen Palmer, and our Secretary, Stu Fenton, or more so his wife Trish for providing the meal.

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate Brother Fred Breitkreuz on earning his lifetime membership pin. Fred was raised to the level of Master Mason in our lodge Sept. 21st. 1976, and Brother Rex Hartwig and myself had the honor of giving Fred his pin just this last week. Thank you, Fred, for your years of service to our Lodge and our Ancient Fraternity.

All Deacon's Day is just around the corner on April 1st at Masonic Pathway's in Alma, MI. if you are interested in attending please register at the Grand Lodge website. All are welcome.

If you haven't yet, ask one of our Lodge Officer's and purchase a raffle ticket for the chance to win the Masonic tribute Henry Golden Boy rifle, tickets are going fast! Our next **Regular meeting will be Tuesday April 4th**. Fellowship begins at 6:30PM, All are invited and welcome.

Everyone who had their dues in by the end of Feb went into the drawing. We drew the name on our March Regular .... and the winner is...Dion Jones. Congratulations Brother Jones.

**Glenn Arent, WM Lodge 437**



**LAKESHORE LODGE No. 298  
F & AM**

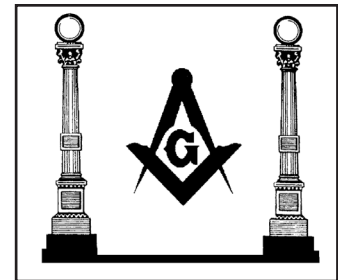
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**Mar. 20th---Fellowship  
Mar. 27th---Fellowship,  
Officers Meeting at 7:30  
Apr 3rd Regular, Dinner - 6:30  
Lodge - 7:30  
Apr 10th Fellowship  
Apr 17th Fellowship  
Apr 24th Fellowship - 6:30  
Officers Meeting - 7:00**

Things are going rather well for Lakeshore. We just received a petition for membership and we may be getting a couple more soon. Again,

I would like to thank all the Brothers for their support of the lodge.....

.....**John Keyser, WM**



The **MAY 2017** newsletter deadline is **APRIL 10th**. Please do not be late.

E-mail articles to [Masons@parrett.net](mailto:Masons@parrett.net)



**THREE OAKS LODGE No. 239  
F & A M**

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**Hello Brothers,**

We have had a great month in lodge 239 this month.

If you missed family bowling you missed a great time. Every one enjoyed a great time with an afternoon of bowling and pizza. I seen faces I haven't seen in a long time and some that I missed being there.... I hope you make it back real soon. Thank you brother John for organizing the event it was another great year.

Our Cherry Pie night to honor our brother George Washington was a great time as well. Thank you brother John for bringing back this tradition that I hope will continue.

Brother Chris gave a great recap for the incubator project. If any brothers would like to take part in this, please let me know so I can get a number and make the proper arraignments.

I heard of brothers not coming to lodge because of something that "went on long time ago". I would ask that you give it another try. People change, lodge changes. We all joined this lodge for a reason and left for a reason. But that reason might be gone or changed and you are missing out on a great fraternity with great people. My mission this year was to work on us, our lodge and getting back to the brotherhood we should be and there is strength in numbers. It's only a couples hours a month, I would love see some new faces or faces I haven't seen in a long time back at lodge next month.

Our next **regular will be April 3rd**. We also have two new brothers joining the lodge on **April 24th at 6pm taking their EA degree**. I can't wait to welcome them to the lodge.

If you know of a brother that is not getting this communication, please have them update their information with brother Scott or myself so we can get them included.

**Fraternally yours, Mike Kanger, WM**



**BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE  
CLUB**

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**2017 Friday lunch schedule**

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

**Shrine Club shirts**

- Questions? Contact Robert Kilburn

**Upcoming events:**

- See schedule above
- April 12, 6 pm Evening meeting at Super Buffet, Nobles & ladies
- April 17 Blossom Queen Trip to Shrine Hospital
- May 6, Blossom Parade – Shrine Float and Mini-Bike Patrol

**News:**

We are pleased to announce that a check for \$10,000 was delivered to the Shrine Hospital in Chicago by Robert Kilburn, Jerry Kerbis and John Keyser. Thanks to all who worked so hard selling onions and calendars to make this donation possible.

We will now be adding an evening meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Super Buffet so, that our Nobles who work can attend. Mini-Bikers, we especially would like to see you! April 12, 6 pm at Super Buffet in Benton Harbor. Ladies invited.

Please send your \$15 B C Shrine Club 2017 dues to Secretary John Keyser, 3734 Washington Ave. St Joseph, MI 49085

**Fraternally, Robert Kilburn, President**

Did you know that all Masons who have served in the military are eligible to join the Sojourners Club? Next meeting is May 9, 11:30 am at Super Buffet. Questions? Ask Sojourners' President John Bellinger or Robert Kilburn.



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

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**Mar 15 Friendship night, 7 pm "white elephant" bingo, and dessert bar.**

**Mar 29 Masonic Center Cleaning, 6:30**

**Apr 5 6:30 pm meal, 7:30 pm Regular Business Meeting**

**Refreshments: Deb Lightner and Beverly Peeters**

**Apr 8 Breakfast- Galley Grill, 8:30 am**

**Apr 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**

**Sisters and Brothers:**

Please pay special attention to the dates listed above.

March is America Chapter's turn at cleaning the Masonic Center; bring paper products and your favorite cleaning products if possible. Please plan to help out on Wed March 29 at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, May 11, is our trip to the Masonic Home in Alma. The bus will pick us up at the Masonic Center and all Masons, Stars and friends are invited. Limit 24

Several of our members have experienced health and/or grief issues in recent weeks. Please let your prayers include our members even though we may not know the names or the details.

Remember our Worthy Matron's verse:

**"Do everything in Love."  
1 Corinthians 16:14**

**Connie Kilburn, Worthy Matron**

# March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March 26</b> Three Oaks 239 Family Bowling	<b>Mar 27</b> Lakeshore 298 Fellowship Officers Meeting	<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Mar 31</b> Shrine Club Regular at Galley Grill	<b>April 1</b> Jr. Deacon Day at ALMA
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	<b>4</b> St. Joseph 437 Regular	<b>5</b> OES America 234 Regular	<b>6</b> Coloma 162 Regular	<b>7</b> Shrine Club lunch at Super Buffet	<b>8</b> OES 234 Breakfast At Galley Grill
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Shrine Club Dinner at Super Buffet	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Shrine Club Lunch at Super Buffet	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Shrine Queen's Trip Lakeshore Fellowship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> OES America 234 Initiation	<b>20</b> LODGE School of Instruction At Coloma	<b>21</b> Shrine Club Lunch at Galley Grill	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Three Oaks 239 Family Bowling	<b>24</b> Lakeshore Fellowship Officers Mtg Three Oaks EA Degree	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Shrine Club Regular at Galley Grill	<b>29</b>