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**BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB**

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**2017 Friday lunch schedule changes**

**Meet at Noon**

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

**Shrine Club shirts**

- The BCSC has agreed to pay for 1/2 the cost of 1 new shirt for both mini-bikers and club members
- Mini-bikers' shirts will be coordinated by Stan Hively  
269 845-5904
- All orders and payments should be submitted by April 1, 2017
- Contact "Colorful Stitches" in Niles 269-683-6442 to pick up your shirt, pay your half or have questions about your order

**Upcoming events**

- Jan 27 – Noon – Lunch, Business Meeting & drawing at Galley Grill
- Feb Valentine Dinner (watch for date)
- Feb 24 - Noon – Lunch, Business Meeting & drawing at Galley Grill
- Mar 10 Trip to Shrine Circus
- Blossom Queen Trip to Shrine Hospital (watch for date)

Please join us for lunch, for good food, and great fellowship. Ladies are invited.

Robert Kilburn, President



**THREE OAKS LODGE No. 239 F & AM**

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Hello Brothers,

Despite all the confusion of when our first meeting of the new year would take place, we finally have it under our belt. A big thank you to all the brothers who worked to get the word out for the meeting change. Also thank you to all the brothers that stepped up to cover the holes in the line. I don't know what we would have done with out you. Brother Oldenberg gave a great educational talk on all the chairs in the line and the responsibilities and duties of each. Thank you for the great education.

All the committees for the upcoming year are set, If you missed the meeting you may want to check because you may have been put on committee !!! If you would like to be on a committee let me know, we can use all the help we can get.

We have coming events, that I would like to see as many attend as possible. On **January 16th at 6:00 PM** we have a Fellowcraft practice. The following Monday **January 23rd at 7:30, with a meal at 6:30, we will have a Fellowcraft degree, Our next regular is February 6th at 7:30 with a meal at 6:30.** We will be having a fellowship gathering on Monday **February 20th at 6:00 pm**, to honor our brother George Washington with cherry pie and ice cream being served, Finally, we will be having our annual family bowling night on **February 26th** from 2-4 (Michigan time) at City lanes in Michigan City. Pizza, pop and bowling provided by the lodge. Bring your family for a great time.

**Fraternally yours, Mike Kanger (WM)**



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

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**January 23, Fellowship**

**January 26 7:00 PM, M.T.A. Meeting**

**January 30, Fellowship, 7:00 PM, Officers Meeting**

**February 6, 6:30 PM, Dinner, 7:30 PM, Regular Meeting**

**February 13, Fellowship**

**February 20, Fellowship**

**February 27 Fellowship, 7:00 PM, Officers Meeting**

**We had a great turn-out of brothers at our January regular.**

**I want to thank all of you who made it a great meeting.**

**John Keyser, W.M.**

**AASR - February 11 Mini-Reunion & Festive Board in South Haven, MI**

The **March 2017** newsletter deadline is **February 10th**. Please do not be late with your material.

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



**SAINT JOSEPH LODGE No. 437  
F & AM**

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Thank you to all of the Brothers that came out and made our first meeting of 2017 a successful and memorable one. It was great to see everyone Clothed and in Order and ready for a new year.

A special thank you to the Brothers who could not attend our December installation and who were installed on January the 3rd. These Brothers' continued dedication to our Lodge and the craft is appreciated by all. I would also like to congratulate PM Brother Robert Kilburn of Lakeshore Lodge #298 who was unanimously granted honorary membership in our lodge. Brother Kilburn has and continues to lead by example, hard work and dedication to our fraternity and we are privileged to consider him a member of our lodge.

A thank you to our Senior Deacon, Brother Jerry Sirk for all of his work in 2016 to help our lodge establish some very strong community outreach programs including our sock drive which brought in well over 400 pairs of socks that will benefit many men in the Benton Harbor shelter for months to come. Jerry's efforts to establish these campaigns have helped us connect with our community and to spread the word once again about all of our good work and will continue well into the future.

Remember, we are having a drawing for a Henry Goldenboy Freemasons Tribute Rifle. The raffle license application is submitted but not yet approved. We are shooting (pun intended) for the drawing in March. If you'd like to see this beautiful rifle, stop in and see Brother Chad Shimunek and his friendly staff at Black Arsenal, 2797 Kimmel St. Stevensville.

**Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday February 7th** with fellowship starting at 6:15PM and Lodge opening at 7:00PM. Please join us if you can.

**WM Glenn Arent  
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F & AM**

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**February 2nd 7:30 pm Regular Meeting - Dinner at 6:30**

I am so proud of Coloma Lodge. Seven of our officers visited Star of the Lake Lodge in South Haven at their January Regular meeting and brought the Traveling Gavel back home with us. We are the first lodge to do so and now we are waiting for another lodge to visit us and take it home with them.

At our January Regular meeting we set dates for a few events for the year. We plan to do another Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner for St. Patrick's Day. The exact date and location will be announced ASAP. Our Golf Outing will be in June at Berrien Hills Golf Club; exact date to be announced. We will be doing a Child ID event at the Glad-Peach Festival on August 5th from 9:00 until Noon. We will also be selling Peach Ice Cream that day somewhere in downtown Coloma. Our Annual Past Master's/widow's dinner will be held on October 12th. More details will be coming soon. Please put the above dates on your calendar.

The Property Tax house and senate bills are still in the works. They may come up for a vote within the next month. We still need you to contact your senator and/or representative to get their support. You can go to the Grand Lodge website and fill out a form that will be sent to your senator and representative. The Grand Lodge website is [www.grandlodge.mi.org](http://www.grandlodge.mi.org).

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

**Fraternally, Bryce Schadler, WM**



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

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**Jan 14 Breakfast, 8:30 am, Mill Creek Charlies in Watervliet (weather permitting)**

**Feb 11 Breakfast, 8:30 am, Galley Grill (weather permitting)**

**Mar 1 6:30 pm meal, 7:30 pm regular business meeting**

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

**No Business Meetings in Jan. and Feb.**

**Sisters and Brothers:**

**Many thanks to all who attended our December "White Elephant" Bingo night. It was an enjoyable evening with many delicious desserts and interesting bingo gifts.**

**We look forward to a March 15 OES Friendship Night. We will honor the Southwestern District Association and host another "White Elephant" Bingo.**

**Cleaning of the Masonic Center will now be shared among the OES and the Lakeshore and St Joseph lodges. America Chapter completed the December cleaning and we are scheduled again in March. It is a pleasure to see the building clean and neat.**

**Thanks to Cheryl Ladd and EW "Bill Potter" for donating fitted plastic tablecloths to be used on the new round tables. They also donated 8 chairs without arm rests for those who are more comfortable without arm rests.**

**OES life memberships have been received for Fran Zecklin and Nancy Eggers. Congratulations to these two sisters.**

**The themes of America Chapter for the 2016-17 year are love and patriotism. Let us pray for our country and its leaders and exhibit love in all that we do.**

**Connie Kilburn, Worthy Matron**

# February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship Officers Meeting	31	Feb 1	Feb 2  Coloma 162 Regular	Feb 3 Shrine Club lunch at Super Buffet	Feb 4
5	6 Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	7  St. Joseph 437 Regular	8	9	10 Shrine Club lunch at Super Buffet	11 OES 234 Breakfast Mill Creek Charlie's AASR Mini- Reunion
12	13  Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	14	15	16	17 Shrine Club at Galley Grill	18
19	20 Three Oaks 239 GW Birthday Lakeshore 298	21	22	23	24 Shrine Club Regular at Galley Grill	25
26  Three Oaks 239 Family Bowling	27 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship Officers	28	March 1  OES America 234 Regular	Mar 2  Coloma 162 Regular	Mar 3 Shrine Club lunch at Super Buffet	Mar 4