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

March 15th 6:00 pm Corned Beef
and Cabbage Dinner at BHGC

At our February Regular meeting we had visitors from several different lodges hoping to take the Traveling Gavel home with them. Lakeshore Lodge had the most members present and took the gavel. From what I saw on Facebook they lost the gavel Monday night to Mattawan Lodge. AND THE BEAT GOES ON.

We will be doing our Annual, all you can eat, Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner in celebration of St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 15th at 6:00 pm, at the Berrien Hills Golf Club. Worshipful Brother Ray Mays will once again be our chef. Cost for the dinner is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be available from any Coloma Lodge Officer or at the door.

Our Golf Outing will be on July 14th at Berrien Hills Golf Club. Cost for the event is \$75.00 which includes your golf, 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.

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



SAINT JOSEPH LODGE No. 437
F & AM

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They're here! After much talk and to do I am happy to say that Lodge 437 is flush with raffle tickets available for your chance to win a .22 Caliber Henry Golden Boy Masonic Tribute rifle. Tickets are \$2.00 ea. and available from just about any Officer of Lodge 437 so buy them now for your chance to win as at only \$2.00 each they will go fast! In addition to the chance to win the riffle we will also be hosting a pancake breakfast on the day of the **drawing Saturday May 20th** starting at 8:00AM so put that on your calendar and plan to attend if you can.

Helping to keep our facility and Lodge room clean and something to be proud of is the responsibility of all our members, so we have set aside **Tuesday February 21st.** starting at 6:30PM to share in some fellowship and some good old fashioned elbow grease to make sure we are doing our part. Bring your smiles, stories and favorite non-masonic apron and join in the fun. Remember many hands makes light work.

Finally thank you again to all the Brother's that attended our February regular. It has been nothing short of an honor to work with you all. Our next Regular meeting will be **Tuesday March 7th.** All are invited and welcome.

Glenn Arent
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LAKESHORE LODGE No. 298
F & AM

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Feb. 20th -Fellowship
Feb. 27th--Fellowship,
Officers Meeting at 7:30
Mar. 6th--Regular
Communication, Dinner at 6:30
and Lodge at 7:30
Mar. 13th---Fellowship
Mar. 20th---Fellowship
Mar. 27th---Fellowship,
Officers Meeting at 7:30

We have had very good attendance at lakeshore this year and I want to thank all the brothers who have supported the Lodge with their presence.

On February 2nd a rather robust group of us attended Coloma Lodge and were able to relieve them of the South Haven **Traveling Gavel.** Unfortunately, four days later, we were relieved of it by a group of brothers from Mattawan ! Oh well, I'm sure that beautiful gavel will find it's way back to Lakeshore some day.....**John Keyser, WM**

The **April 2017**
newsletter deadline is **March 10th.**
Please do not be late.

E-mail articles to Masons@parrett.net



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

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Hello Brothers,

This has been a great start and is on track to be a great year for the Three Oaks lodge. The committees are on the right track and seem to be planning some great events. The **Hog roast is set for June 24th**; See brother TJ to get your tickets. We are also looking for silent auction items, the more we can get the better!!!

The raffle is coming together. The tickets should be available soon....If you don't know what were giving away, get to lodge and find out! There will also be a prize for the brother who sells the most tickets.

The new By-laws have been sent to Grand Lodge for approval.

On January 23rd we raised brother Rich Killips to the degree of Fellowcraft. The brothers put in a lot of work for the degree and it showed. The degree was a great show of what we can do and a great start of where we need to be.

We also presented Brother Robert Kliss with his lifetime membership and 40-year pin as a Mason. If you see Robert make sure to congratulate him on this great achievement. It was great to see Robert and Jeff back in lodge.

We are also entered in the Worlds largest **Flag Day parade on June 11th**. I hope to see a great showing of brothers to represent the lodge.

We will be having a brotherhood fellowship on Monday **February 20th** at 6:00 pm, to honor brother George Washington with cherry pie and ice cream.

Our annual family **bowling night is 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.

Our next regular meeting is **March 6th**. Meal at 6:30 and Lodge at 7:30.

I am also in need of a large popcorn machine that our lodge can use in **June**. If anyone has one please let me know.

Fraternally yours, Mike Kanger, WM



**BERRIEN COUNTY SHRINE
CLUB**

Pres. Robert Kilburn 269 621-4403
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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

- All shirt 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

- Feb 24 - Noon – Lunch, Business Meeting & drawing at Galley Grill
- March 3rd and 10th – lunch at China Super Buffet
- **Mar 10 Trip to Shrine Circus**
- Mar 17, 24 - Noon – Lunch at Galley Grill
- Mar 31 - Noon - Business Meeting & drawing at Galley Grill
- **April 17 Blossom Queen Trip to Chicago Shrine Hospital.**

News:

We are pleased to welcome two new Saladin members, Dale Chubb and Paul Gautam, who were initiated at the Feb 4 mini-ceremonial which was held on at our SW MI Masonic Center.

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

We are attempting to improve club communication. Please forward your email address and/or cell phone number to President Robert Kilburn at kilburn621@gmail.com

Fraternally, Robert Kilburn, President



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

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

Refreshments: Fenton & Green families

Mar 11 Breakfast, 8:30 am, Mill Creek Charlies in Watervliet

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

April 5 6:30 pm meal, 7:30 pm regular business meeting

Refreshments: Deb Lightner and Beverly Peeters

Sisters and Brothers:

Thanks to the mild winter weather we have had good attendance at our 2nd Saturday breakfasts. The fellowship was great and we celebrated several Jan and Feb birthdays.

Mark your calendar for the March 15 OES Friendship Night. We will honor the Southwestern District Association and host another "White Elephant" Bingo.

March is America Chapter's turn at cleaning the Masonic Center; bring paper products and soaps if possible. A cleaning date will be set at our March 1st meeting.

I would like to say a few words of appreciation to Sue Romelhardt, our new chapter secretary. She has taken on a big job and has tackled it with grace and dedication. Please take time to thank her when you see her.

Remember our Worthy Patron's verse: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" Deuteronomy 6:5

Connie Kilburn, Worthy Matron

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEB 26 Three Oaks 239 Family Bowling	FEB 27 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship Officers Meeting	FEB 28	MAR 1 OES America 234 Regular	MAR 2 Coloma 162 Regular	MAR 3 Shrine Club lunch at Super Buffet	MAR 4
5	6 Three Oaks 239 Regular Lakeshore 298 Regular	7 St. Joseph 437 Regular	8	9	10 Shrine Circus Trip lunch at Super Buffet	11 OES 234 Breakfast Mill Creek Charlie's
12	13 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	14	15 America BINGO night Coloma Corned Beef & Cabbage	16	17 Shrine Club Lunch at Galley Grill	18
19	20 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship	21	22	23	24 Shrine Club Lunch at Galley Grill	25
26 Three Oaks 239 Family Bowling	27 Lakeshore 298 Fellowship Officers Meeting	28	29	30	31 Shrine Club Regular at Galley Grill	Apr 1