

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2024

Lodge

Angola #236
Star #225
Northeastern #210
Forest #239
DeKalb #214
Ashley #614
Concord #556
Kendallville #276
Meridian Sun #76
Leo #224

Worshipful Master

Mike Anderson
Ray Tracey
Chris Sanders
Eric Tracey
Stacey Roth
Dean Shipe
Blake Myers
Parker Terry
Jerry Glenn
Mark W. Reese

Secretary

Jay Minick
Dave Hardiek
Tim VanZant
Bob Tracey
Shaun Purk
Jim Carper
Jim Rosenbury
Aaron Wade
Lee Ray Owen
David Roose

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236 NEWS

ANGOLA LODGE STATED MEETING – APRIL 2

There will be a light meal at 6:15 with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM. The Lodge is moving toward holding the Executive Committee concept for its stated meetings.

The Lodge will open on the Entered Apprentice degree so as to give the new officers a chance to reacquaint them to their ritual words, which differs from the Master Mason degree.

ANGOLA LODGE HOLDS RITUAL WORKSHOP



Angola Masonic Lodge #236 hosted a Ritual Workshop for the Lodges in Steuben County, on March 21. It was an informative session to remind the officers and members who work in degree casts on the proper tactics of degree work. It is always a challenge to do the degree work using the correct tactics so the candidate receives *maximum* benefit of its' meaning.

Pictured on the left are Jan Henline (Past Master of Bluffton Lodge #145), Ritual Instructor for District 2; David Fidler Lodge Liaison for the Grand Lodge from Fairmount Lodge #635; and Josh Dunsmore (Past Master of Bluffton Lodge #145), assistant Ritual Instructor for District 2.

Lodge members attending on the right (top 1 to r) Jimmie Milleman of Star Lodge; Benton Davis, Mike Anderson and Paul Friend of Angola Lodge; (front 1 to r) A. J. Hocker, new Master Mason from Angola and Dan Ernsberger of Star Lodge. Also attending but not in picture were Nate Fultz of Angola and Glen Rogers (picture taker) of Angola.

SEARCH FOR PAST MASTER PICTURES CONTINUES



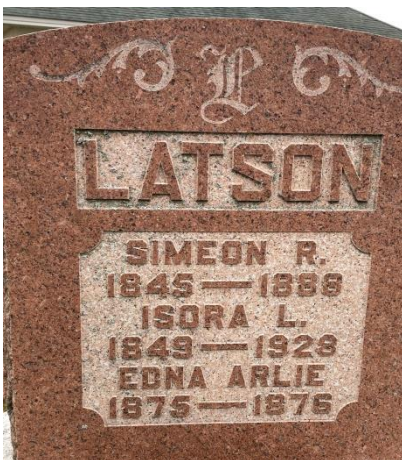
Since 1858, when Angola Masonic Lodge #236 was chartered, we have had 120 different Masons who served as Worshipful Master. Over these 166 years, many have served multiple years. About 4 years ago a project was started to find the pictures of all Past Masters. 115 have been found, 5 remain to be found.

Many of you are into genealogy or ancestry searches and may have the experience to find what we need. Please help us search!! We are wanting to find their descendants so we can obtain their picture to hang on the Lodge wall. Please read those listed and see if YOU can help find more information.

Here's' the list:

1.) Jesse Squire Worshipful Master in 1858, 1859 and 1861

He was born on January 13, 1820 in Ontario County New York. He was the 1st Master of Angola Lodge when chartered in 1858. He was a charter member, coming from Northeastern #210. He passed on January 25, 1868 and is buried in the old Circle Hill Cemetery on Stocker Street in northern Angola (gravestone on right).



2). Simeon Latson Worshipful Master in 1874, 1875, 1877, 1878, and 1886. Born June 1, 1845. He died on December 8, 1888. He was an Angola businessman, who had a general merchandise store on the east side of the square. Of interest, is in the late 1880's when a new US President was elected, there was an anvil firing, where celebrants would put gun powder under a steel anvil on the circle at the mound and light it. It was reported that the Anvil flew through the air and damaged Ladson's General store (reported in Angola paper).

3). Fred Snyder Worshipful Master in 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900.

Fred was born near Metz in 1883 and was a bachelor all his life. He was Angola Post Master in 1906-1910. He served as the Steuben County War Bond Chairman. He passed away in 1942 and is buried at Angola Circle Hill. He served as Grand Noble of the Angola Odd Fellows Lodge. He is buried in the Angola Circle Hill Cemetery.



4). William Earl Dole (Often referred to as W. Earl Dole) Worshipful Master in 1921.



His father was Franklin (1858-1948) who was Steuben County Treasurer. Had a child Kimsey (male) (1922-2004). 1941 AHS graduate. Kimsey became a dentist. Wife of Earl was Edna Cowan. Buried in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

5). Kenneth Rathbun Worshipful Master in 1927

There is a dilemma here!! I found records of TWO Kenneth Rathbun's in Steuben County papers/records. One is Kenneth "G" born in 1889-died 1967 (buried in Jamestown Cemetery) and Kenneth "D" born in 1896 died 1963 (buried in Circle Hill). BOTH are at the right age to be Worshipful Master in 1927.

There are records of a Kenneth "G". born on March 3, 1889 in Millgrove Township. Passed away on June 12, 1967. Believed to be born near Nevada Mills and operated a nursery. He is buried in Jamestown Cemetery. Fathers name was Lafayette George Rathbun and mother name was Laura Alvita Rathbun. His wife(s) names were Zena M and Bertha Jane. His childrens names were: Versel, Marion and Harold. Grandchildren were Curt and Melanie Ashbrook (phone-668-2442 of near Fremont) but they don't know his background. His stone is below.



Kenneth "D" was born in 1896 and buried in Circle Hill.

Old Angola newspapers had a "Kenneth Rathbun" as working in the Angola Post Office as Postmaster, but I cannot find which one had that occupation. All the old records in the Lodge only wrote his name as Kenneth Rathbun, without a middle initial.



STATUS OF ANGOLA BY-LAWS

Discussions were held on by-laws wordage change at the last two stated meetings. At the February stated meeting the new wordage was discussed and held over until the March stated meeting at which time it was voted upon and approved by vote of attendees at the meeting. The wordage has been sent to the Grand Lodge for their consideration and hopeful approval. Angola Lodge now awaits on the decision of the Grand Lodge.

The bylaw changes mainly concern the adoption of an Executive Committee style of meeting, where the Executive committee, composed of the 5 elected Officers and up to 3 additional members to meet before each stated meeting to conduct certain portions of the usual business agenda. At the Stated meeting a report will be made to attendees on what decisions the Executive Committee made and to conduct other business that the Executive Committee cannot decide. This method will speed up the time it takes for a usual stated meeting and allow more time for educational talks and work on needed ritual for newer officers. There is also planned time after the meeting for playing some pool or cards and enjoying member interaction.

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**4th ANGOLA LODGE SOCIAL
NIGHT – April 9**

**NEW VENUE
ACAPULCO MEXICAN GRILL**

Angola Lodge will be holding its' fourth monthly social night for its members and guests. Anyone is invited – keep that evening open and join the festive event.

**Come when you can – leave when you want!
Their address is on the left poster.**

Bring a guest, especially a man who might be interested in Masonry or a friend that can tell a story or two. There is a wide offering of food and drinks.

Below are the attendees at last month's gathering.

Monthly Social Night!

Date: April 9, 2024

Where: Acapulco Mexican Grill

Time: 6:30-???

Who: Members and Friends



Lodge members and **their guests** are encouraged to join us on April 9th at our social night held at Acapulco Mexican Grill 3875 North Bay View Road, Angola. Come and enjoy food, adult beverages, friendship and brotherhood. Come when you can, stay as long as you want!



Pictured l to r: Tim Billow, Benton Davis, Brant Moore, Paul Friend, Glen Rogers, Nate Fultz and AJ Hocker.

NORTHEASTERN LODGE #210 (FREMONT) NEWS

Northeastern #210 continues to have Monday morning coffee and donuts at their Lodge. The group assembles around 8:00 AM and dismisses after the last joke or story is told, usually around 9:00 AM. Newcomers welcome to attend – there is great fellowship and you will learn what is going on in Masonry from the various Lodges that attend.

OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN SCOTTISH RITE AT FREMONT LODGE

Northeastern Lodge #210, located at 105 E. Toledo Street Fremont Indiana 46737, will host a Thursday Night at the Rite Watch Party , on Thursday, April 25th. They will open the doors at 6:00pm, eat at 6:30pm, show the 23rd degree at 7:00pm, 4th degree at 7:30pm and the 19th degree at 8:00pm.

The Ft. Wayne Valley of Scottish Rite is giving Master Masons an opportunity to join Scottish Rite near your own home. First one needs to obtain and sign a petition, with fee of \$150 (can arrange with local member Paul Friend) who will submit the petition/fee to the Ft. Wayne Office. This will permit a potential candidate to start to receive their work on a week night at a local Lodge. David Fidler, a Scottish Rite Line Officer will host the event. The schedule for the April 25 event is listed in the above paragraph.

CONCORD LODGE #556 (SPENCERVILLE) NEWS

The next stated meeting is Tuesday April 9th. Dinner at 6:30 pm and Lodge meeting at 7:30 pm. Please come to Lodge and check out the remodeling.

CONCORD LODGE #556 RENNOVATION CONTINUES

Helpers are welcome! The work sessions at Concord Lodge to renovate several areas of the Lodge is continuing. The contact person is Jim Rosenbury 586-822-5407. They are remodeling the kitchen, adding on to the men's bathroom and will repaint several areas.

CONCORD AND FOREST LODGE COMBINED ACTIVITY

Spencerville OES is planning on hosting another bingo/pizza party at Sunny Meadows. Concord Lodge 556 and Forest Lodge 239 both have made \$100 donations to Spencerville OES for the next party. Please include in the newsletter that any lodge that wants to donate to the OES for the bingo/pizza party would greatly be appreciated. Mail the donation to:

**Spencerville OES 386
PO Box 51
Spencerville, IN 46788**

CONCORD VETERANS COURT

Concord Lodge continues to support the Veterans Court, which was held on March 28. Concord Lodge and Spencerville Order of Eastern Star furnish refreshments at the conclusion of the Court.



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

York Rite Stated Meetings

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be Thursday, April 4, with the opening on the Chapter, with Brant Moore, High Priest presiding. There will be a meal served at 6:30 PM before the opening at 7:00 PM.

2024 ANGOLA YORK RITE PRESIDING OFFICERS

Angola York Rite Chapter #58 -- Brant Moore serving as High Priest

Angola York Rite Council #27 -- Mike Anderson as Illustrious Master

Angola Commandery #45 -- Jay Minick as Eminent Commander

Jimmie Milleman is the Secretary/Recorder of all 3 groups

AN ENERGETIC GRANT COUNTY CHAPTER #55



TAKE TWO LOOKS AT THIS PICTURE!! THERE ARE 18 CANDIDATES THAT TOOK THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE OF YORK RITE ON MARCH 21 AT GAS CITY. ALSO IN THE PICTURE ARE INDIANA GRAND CHAPTER LINE OFFICERS!

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF GAS CITY ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING IN PROMOTING AND CARRYING OUT YORK RITE MASONRY. WE SHOULD HOPE THAT THIS TYPE OF RITUAL WORK WILL BECOME CONTAGIOUS TO OTHER YORK RITE CHAPTERS.



ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK

SUMMER MEETING

**The summer meeting for Angola Preceptory #2
SATURDAY, JULY 20**

**VENUE: SUN RISE CAFÉ, FT WAYNE
(10230 COLDWATER ROAD)**

MEAL STARTS AT 12 NOON – OVER AROUND 1:30 PM

LADIES INVITED

**RESERVATIONS DUE JULY 13 TO DIRECTOR GENERAL
ED FODRE AT hfa.phd@gmail.com**

**You should be receiving an invitation from Angola
Preceptory Recorder in the next few days**

FUTURE YORK RITE DATES

**April 5, 6, and 7 Nashville, IN
Grand Chapter Convocation**

**April 21 and 22 Indianapolis Marriott
Grand Council Assembly**

**April 26 and 27 Muncie
Grand Commandery Conclave**

**May 21 Indianapolis
Grand Lodge Annual Communication**



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETINGS

The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite stated meeting is on Tuesday April 9, North Manchester Main Street Bar and Grill. Hosted by the Wabash Scottish Rite Club.

6:15 PM meal followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM.

THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE RITE CONTINUES

The Ft. Wayne Valley of Scottish Rite continues to be part a program that allows members to observe the Scottish Rite degrees in the convenience of your home or as a group at a central location. It began on Thursday February 1 and will run through Thursday, April 25, 2024, with specific degrees scheduled on specific dates.

The following gives the dates, times and degrees offered:

**Thursday, April 11: 4th Builder at 7:30 PM and
20th – Master Ad Vitam at 8:00 PM**

**Thursday, April 25: 4th Builder at 7:30 PM and
19th – Brothers of the Trail
Hosted by Northeastern Lodge**

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter Northeastern Lodge will be one of the host sites for the April 25 event.

Each evening starts with the 4th degree. To join and participate, one needs to be a Scottish Rite member and sign up with the Valley Office. This is an opportunity for those who desire to receive all Scottish Rite degrees and add to your completion of your Passport. Once a Scottish Rite member has seen all degrees from 4th thur 32nd, will receive special recognition. This is a good goal for all member to receive.

Scottish Rite Scholarship Applications Available

The ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP is available with the following qualifications:

- 1) Must be from a family with a Mason in good standing**
- 2) Be a High School Senior – minimum 2.75 grade average out of 4.00**
- 3) A student from a deceased Mason is eligible**
- 4) Application due May 1, 2024**



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING

Pokagon Shrine Club will have s stated meeting on Thursday, April 18, at the Glendarin Golf Course dining room. Order from the menu, starting around 6:15 PM. Meeting to follow.

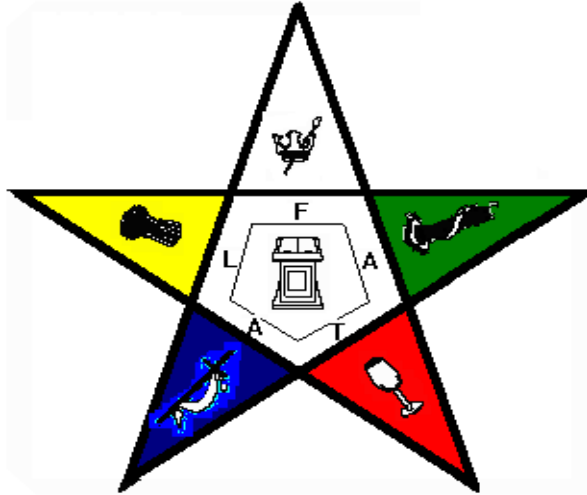
****NOTE THE POKAGON SHRINE CLUB WILL NOW MEET ON THE THIRD THURSDAY. MIZPAH SHRINE HAS CHANGED ITS STATED MEETING NIGHT TO THE THIRD WEDNESDAY (WHICH HAS BEEN THE STATED MEETING NIGHT FOR THE POKAGON SHRINE CLUB) – THUS OUR LOCAL CLUB HAS CHANGED ITS STATED MEETING NIGHT TO THE THIRD THURSDAY.****

POKAGON MEAT RAFFLE TO CONTINUE IN 2024

The local Shrine Club will again be having a \$500 meat raffle as its' money maker this year. Albrights of Corunna will assist with the raffle. Profits made are used to support the Shrine Circus expenses. Tickets will soon be printed and distributed.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2024 ARE:

Jeff Stanford - President/Treasurer
John Tchinski - Secretary



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Ashley Chapter #229 meets at the Ashley Lodge.

**Spencerville Chapter #386 meets on the 1st Thursday in Spencerville.
Dinner at 6:30 PM with meeting at 7:00 PM.**

**Sylvan Chapter #251 meets on the 1st Monday at LaGrange Lodge
Dinner at 6:00 PM with meeting at 7:00 PM.**

**Masonic members and your ladies should inquire with Phyllis Gaff
(Ashley) if you wish to join one of these Chapters.**

BLUE LODGE STATED MEETING NIGHTS FOR NORTHEAST INDIANA

Angola #236	1st Tuesday Dark July/August	6:15 Meal 7:00 Meeting
Northeastern #210 (Fremont)	1st Wednesday	7:00 Meeting Refreshments follow
Star #225 (Orland)	2nd Wednesday	6:15 Meal at Lodge 7:00 Meeting
Ashley #614	1st Thursday	7:00 Meeting Refreshments follow
DeKalb #214	1st Tuesday	7:00 Meeting
Forest #239 (Butler)	2nd Thursday	6:30 Meal 7:00 Meeting
Concord #556	2nd Tuesday	7:30 Meeting
Meridian Sun #76 (LaGrange)	1st Wednesday Exc Jan & Feb	6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting
Kendallville #276	1st Monday	6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting
Leo #224	1st Thursday	6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting

**** Please inform Paul Friend if any of the dates or times for meetings and meals have changed.**