

# NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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### NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS 2025

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Worshipful Master</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Angola #236	Glen Rogers	Jay Minick
Star #225	Ray Tracey	Dave Hardiek
Northeastern #210	Chris Sanders	Tim VanZant
Forest #239	Eric Tracey	Bob Tracey
DeKalb #214	William Ternet	Quentin Young
Ashley #614	Scott Barnhart	Jim Carper
Concord #556	Blake Myers	Jim Rosenbury
Kendallville #276	James Hess	Aaron Wade
Meridian Sun #76	Ray Hoover	Lee Ray Owen
Leo #224	Mark W. Reese	David Roose

**Pay your 2025 dues. They are now overdue!**

**PLEASE SEND ME NAMES OF WM AND SEC FOR 2025 IF THE ABOVE ARE NOT CORRECT.**

## **MASONIC LODGE NEWS – ALL MASONS INVITED!**

### **ANGOLA #236/MERIDIAN SUN #76 LODGE OF INSTRUCTION**

**Angola Lodge #236 and Meridian Sun Lodge #76 (LaGrange) will hold a joint Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at Angola Lodge starting at 7:00 PM. David Fidler II, Grand Lodge Ritual Instructor will be presiding.**

**A Lodge of Instruction is held to teach Lodge officers and cast members of degrees on the correct procedures to follow in presenting the three Lodge degrees. There is certain protocol to follow in presenting the degrees to candidates and this gives the Grand Lodge an opportunity to show the correct tactics. Sometimes personal opinion of members on the correct procedure can be interpreted incorrectly and the Grand Lodge Instructor can instruct on the official procedures to follow.**

### **ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236**

**The next stated meeting for Angola Lodge is Tuesday, February 4 at Angola Masonic Lodge. A meal will be served at 6:30 PM, with opening at 7:00 PM, with Glen Rogers, Worshipful Master presiding.**

## **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. **NEXT GATHRING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

### **3RD ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025 Tilbury Golf Academy – Outlet Mall**

Northeastern Lodge has planned their next tournament at Tilbury Golf Academy, located at the old Outlet Mall (655 W. State Road 120, Suite C27, Fremont, IN). They have had two years of a successful charity tournament to benefit the Food Pantry, a segment of the Fremont Youth and Community Outreach.

They are organizing teams of 4 people, each to pay \$25 per entry. Call to register at 260-667-1159. Tee times available from 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM and 6 PM. There will be 6 teams assigned per time slot. Call in early to get your preferred time.

**Registration deadline is February 14, 2025.**

Contact person for questions is Wynn Hensel, Past Master of Northeastern Lodge.

**STAR LODGE #225 (ORLAND)**

**Star Lodge will be planning the MM degree for Ken Bates at a date and time to be determined in mid to late February. When planned, a notification will be sent.**

## **CONCORD LODGE #556 (Spencerville)**

**Concord Lodge #556 and Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star recently donated to Hearten House women's shelter to support its food bank. They also donated to the Woodburn Christian Children's home and the Serenity House facility.**

**One of the outreaches of Concord Lodge is the Dr. Clyde Baumgartner Scholarship, a 50 year member of Concord Lodge #556. Clyde is a past member of the Lodge and for years have been awarding a scholarship to a graduating Senior of Eastside High School. The scholarship has been awarded yearly for many years.**

**For every deceased Brother, Concord Lodge donates a brick at the Masonic Home on the Memory Lane Path. Recent donations include memorials to: Victor Timmerman, Thomas Woods, Frank Laub, Howard Timmerman and John Hickman.**

**The brothers at Concord Lodge have kept busy with the kitchen and restroom remodeling project at the Lodge.**



## **ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS**

### **ANGOLA YORK RITE STATED MEETING**

**The next stated meeting of Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, February 6 at the Angola Masonic Lodge. Meal at 6:30 PM, followed by the stated meeting at 7:00 PM.**

**The York Rite will OPEN on the Council, with Jay Minick, Illustrious Master presiding.**

**Plans will be to go through the Mark Master degree since Angola York Rite has been assigned that degree at the February 22, 2025 York Rite Festival. Bring your Chapter Ritual book.**

**Angola York Rite also needs to set up the gear and accessories for the upcoming Tri=State Festival. Consideration is being give for members to come early to the February 6 stated meeting. Mike Anderson is working to set up a time. Ask Mike if you don't know the time.**

### **ARE YOU READY TO JOIN YORK RITE? PLEASE INQUIRE!**

### **ANGOLA YORK RITE DEGREE WORK**

**On February 22 and March 1, 2025, Angola York Rite will be part of a York Rite Festival with Ohio and Michigan. All 9 degrees and orders will be conferred on two consecutive Saturdays. More specifics mentioned later in this newsletter.**

**The festival will allow Master Masons to join York Rite. The initiation fee is \$125 which includes your 2025 dues. As you have traveled through three degrees in your Blue Lodge, it continually mentions the need to search for more light in Masonry. York Rite provides this opportunity.**

**The degrees and orders are a continuation of the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees. As you try to make sense of the meanings of the first 3 degrees, York Rite will help you understand better the travels you have made. Give a York Rite member a call or discuss it with one you know to be a well-traveled Mason.**

### **ANGOLA YORK RITE 2025 PRESIDING OFFICERS**

**High Priest of Angola Chapter #58 is Brant Moore.**

**Illustrious Master of Angola Council #27 is Jay Minick.**

**Eminent Commander Angola Commandery #45 is Mike Anderson.**

**The Secretary/Recorder of Angola York Rite is Jimmie Milleman.**



## **ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY #2**

**The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the Tri-State Festival in Jackson Center, Michigan. The meeting will open at 10:30 AM, or after the first two degrees are complete.**

**NOTE: The Annual Meeting of the Grand Preceptory of the Yeomen of York of Indiana will be held on June 21, 2025 at Hancock Lodge #110 in Greenfield, Indiana. If interested in attending, Paul Friend will be driving.**

**Note from Donald Trumbull, Recorder to membership: He now has sympathy and get-well cards for use. You can contact Donald at 734-929-6977 or email at [trumbulldonald@gmail.com](mailto:trumbulldonald@gmail.com) if he needs to send a card.**

### **ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES**

**Pictured below are the officers of Pokagon Council No. 147 Allied Masonic Degrees for 2025. Brant Moore (front center) of Angola serves as Sovereign Master and Steve Maxwell (front right) of Huntington as Secretary/Treasurer.**



**TRI-STATE FESTIVAL FOR 2025**



# **52nd Consecutive Year for the Festival**

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

**Chapter and Council Degrees in Angola, Indiana**

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

**Commandery Orders in Michigan Center, Michigan**

**The Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges, Chapters, Councils and  
Commanderies of all three states are invited to view the work.  
Introductions will be made of those attending.**

**Current York Rite members of all three states are invited to return to  
view the York Rite degrees again and to remember the life lessons  
portrayed in the rituals of these degrees and orders.**

**CURRENT ANGOLA MEMBERS URGED TO TURN  
IN PETITIONS AT ANGOLA YORK RITE STATED  
MEETING ON FEBRUARY 6!!**

## **DETAILS OF FESTIVAL**



**Tri-State York Rite Festival 2025**



# 52nd Consecutive Year

## State contacts to assist you:

Indiana: Mike Anderson 260-319-0586 canda.craig@outlook.com  
Ohio: Ken Crouch 419-460-0296 kencrouch85@yahoo.com  
Michigan: Don Trumbull 734-929-6977 trumbulldonald@gmail.com

## **Candidates welcome from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan**

Saturday, February 22, 2025 Angola, IN Lodge

35 S. Public Square, Angola, IN 46703

Chapter and Council Degrees conferred

Saturday, March 1, 2025 - Jackson-Coolidge, MI Lodge

355 Napoleon Road, Michigan Center, MI (Near Jackson, MI)

Commandery Orders conferred

**YORK RITE BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR CASTING THE  
WORK!!**

**Notes:**

**Candidates and Members MUST send meal reservations to State Contact  
Noon meal to be paid upon arrival – cost is \$15 for meal, coffee, donuts  
All candidates must be voted on and approved prior to Festival at local York Rite  
Grand Officers invited to attend for observation/participation/welcome candidates**

**TIMETABLE AND CASTING OF 2025 TRI-STATE FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, February 22, 2025 – ANGOLA, IN**

**8:00 – 9:00 AM      Registration and coffee**  
**9:00 AM             Mark Master – Angola Chapter #58 (IN)**  
**10:15 AM           Past Master – Bryan Chapter #45 (OH)**  
**11:00 AM           Most Excellent Master – Grand Chapter of Michigan (MI)**  
**12:00                 Noon Lunch**  
**12:45 PM           Royal Arch – Grand Chapter of Indiana (IN)**  
**2:25 PM             Royal Master – Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite (IN)**  
**3:00 PM             Select Master – Grand Council of Indiana (IN)**

**Saturday, March 1, 2025 – JACKSON – COOLIDGE MASONIC TEMPLE, MI**

**(355 Napoleon Rd, Michigan Center, MI)**

**8:00 - 9:00 AM      Registration and Coffee**  
**9:00 AM             Order of the Red Cross – Tri-State Cast (IN, OH, MI)**  
**10:15 AM           Order of Malta – Short Form - Ft Wayne Commandery #4 (IN)**  
**10:45 AM           Chamber of Reflection (MI)**  
**10:45 AM           Yeomen of York Stated Meeting (3 State)**  
**11:15 AM             Lunch**  
**12:15 PM             Order of the Temple – Jackson Commandery #9 (MI)**



## **SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE**

The next stated/special meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11 at the Shrine building. There will be a meal is at 6:15 PM. Meeting follows.

# **2025 WINE TASTING SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION**

March 8, 2025 is the date for the annual wine tasting/silent auction event. This is an annual event by the Ft. Wayne Valley and will have a LARGE variety of gifts, golf outings, wine, personally made arts and crafts, Masonic memorabilia and other fantastic gifts for you to bid on and potentially take home. The cost to attend will be \$45 per person. Advance purchase of tickets is necessary.

Food will be served. Caterers are pairing up wine and food for consumption. There will be at least four different pairings, so you will get a variety for delicious food and tasty wine. Here is an opportunity to take out your lady to a great social event.



## **POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS**

### **POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING**

The Pokagon Shrine Club will next meet on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at the Glendarin Golf Course dining room. You can order from the menu, starting around 6:15 PM. Meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.

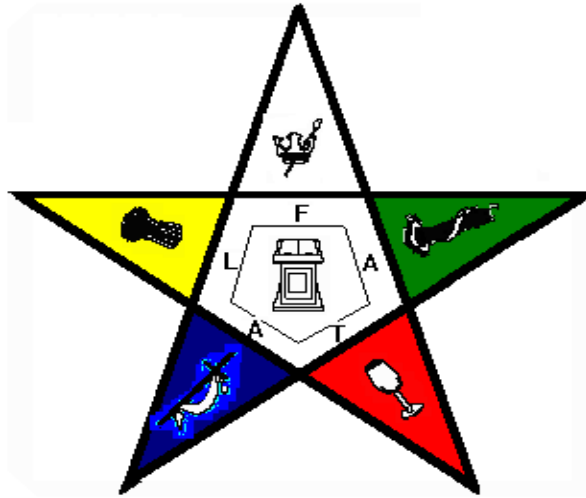
The Mizpah Shrine Circus was held on Friday, January 24, 2025, with Steuben County 4<sup>th</sup> graders attending. A caravan of school buses, escorted by State and County Police officials attended. A great day for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

### **POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2025**



Pictured are the 2025 Officers for the Pokagon Shrine Club.

On left is Jeff Stanford, President/Treasurer and on right John Tchiniski, Secretary. In the middle is Brooks Targgart, Potentate of Mizpah Shrine.



**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

**Ashley Chapter #229 meets at the Ashley Lodge.**

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

**Sylvan Chapter #251 meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 6:15 Meal 7:00 Meeting**  
**Dark July/August**

**Northeastern #21**              **1st Wednesday 7:00 Meeting**  
**(Fremont)**                      **Refreshments follow**

**Star #225**                      **2nd Wednesday 6:15 Meal at Lodge**  
**(Orland)**                      **7:00 Meeting**

**Ashley #614**                      **1st Thursday 7:00 Meeting**  
**Refreshments follow**

**DeKalb #214**                      **1st Tuesday 7:00 Meeting**

**Forest #239**                      **2nd Thursday 6:30 Meal**  
**(Butler)**                      **7:00 Meeting**

**Concord #556**                      **2nd Tuesday 7:30 Meeting**

**Meridian Sun #76**              **1st Wednesday 6:00 Meal**  
**(LaGrange)**                      **7:00 Meeting**

**Kendallville #276**              **1st Monday 6:30 Meal**  
**7:30 Meeting**

**Leo #224**                      **1st Thursday 6:00 Meal**  
**7:00 Meeting**