

# NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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### MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2023

#### Lodge

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

#### Worshipful Master

Benton Davis  
Benjamin Taylor  
Rick Rossi  
Tim Smith  
Stacey Roth  
Dean Shipe  
Michael Gettys  
Parker Terry  
Lee Ray Owen  
Adam Butler

#### Secretary

Jay Minick  
Dave Hardiek  
Tim VanZant  
Bob Tracey  
Shaun Purk  
Jim Carper  
Jim Rosenbury  
Aaron Wade  
Chuck Miller  
David Roose

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

### **ANGOLA LODGE #236 BUILDING NEARING 100 YEARS OLD**

Construction of the current Angola Masonic Lodge building began on April 1, 1923, the cornerstone laid on August 21, 1923, and the building dedicated on St. Johns Day on June 24, 1924. At the time of the dedication, Angola Lodge had a membership of 616.

To celebrate the buildings 100 years of existence, a special coin has been struck to help commemorate the 100 year building. You can purchase the coin for \$10.00 from a local member.



### **FOUND 1924 ANGOLA PAPER OF NEW BUILDING DEDICATION**

On June 25, 1924 the Angola Steuben Republican described the dedication of the new Masonic Building in Angola. Through cutting and pasting the front page has been reconstructed on a foam board for interested Masons to read. A photo below shows the reconstruction of the front page. It will be available during a celebration later this year.

The article describes the day's program and how the building will become a community center for events to take place in the future. It will describe the key leaders of the Masonic Lodge, York Rite and Eastern Star that made the building a reality.



I know that you cannot read the print but wanted to demonstrate what the front page looked like 100 years ago.

The page will be on display when a celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building will be held later this year.

An impressive ceremony was held by the Grand Lodge and local Masons in the social room. There were orations, music and recognition of those who made the event possible.

In 1924 there were 585 dues paying Masons, 331 York Rite Masons and 291 in the Order of the Eastern Star, all of which used this beautiful Masonic Temple.

## **100<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION OF THE ANGOLA MASONIC BUILDING**

An event to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday is being planned. The Lodge will have an open house, a celebration with representatives of the Grand Lodge and displays. The exact time schedule has not been formulated, but the Lodge Officers will plan a special day.

The public will be invited to see the building and be able to observe the pictures of the Angola Past Masters which has recently been placed on the south side of the dining room hall.

## **ANGOLA LODGE IN NEED OF BOOKSHELVES**

Angola Lodge member Nate Fultz is donating his military history library to the lodge. He has over 600 books but the Lodge lacks bookshelves. If you have a bookshelf not in use please consider donating it to the Lodge. One shelf is already in place of Colonial USA. The books have pocket cards so you sign out to read at home. Those who would like a listing of the books, call Nate at 260-243-8660 or email him at [nwfulz@yahoo.com](mailto:nwfultz@yahoo.com).

## **ONE DAY BLUE LODGE CLASS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22 IN FT. WAYNE ALSO OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN FT. WAYNE SHRINE AND SCOTTISH RITE**

Blue Lodges are eligible to participate in a one day class for candidates to receive all three Blue Lodge Degrees, the Scottish Rite 4<sup>th</sup> degree and/or Mizpah Shrine cold sands. All require separate petitions. The class will honor Richard Lentz, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Angola Lodge #236 will be casting the Entered Apprentice degree for this one day class. It will be held at the Mizpah Shrine Building in Ft. Wayne.

## **NORTHEASTERN LODGE #210 (Fremont) NEWS**

Northeastern Lodge #210, continues its' Monday morning coffee and donuts at the Fremont Lodge. They will continue to meet throughout the year. Meet around 8:00 AM for fellowship and leave when necessary (usually close to 9:00 AM).

The lodge is located a half block east of the 4 way stop, on the north side of State Road 120. If there is nobody at the Lodge, they will be at the new restaurant a couple buildings to the east.

## **STAR LODGE (ORLAND) #225**



**Star Lodge recently received the Tyler Sword from Alex Anderson (center) Worshipful Master of George Washington Lodge #325 in Bristol, Indiana (Elkhart County). The sword started its travel from Glenview Lodge #1058 in Illinois and has started its' journey around the world. It is understood it will make its' way to several lodge in Steuben County before traveling elsewhere.**

**Pictured above includes Jimmie Milleman PM, Treasurer and Benjamin Taylor, WM of Star Lodge #225, and three brothers from George Washington Lodge #325, Alex Anderson WM; Ron Ross, Secretary; and Kenneth Story, PM.**

**Star Lodge #225 has two candidates who have completed their EA Degree. The FC degree date has not been scheduled.**

**Star Lodge #225 is preparing for another raffle. The prizes will include a handgun; a shotgun; a Mr. Bratz food certificate and a 28 inch Blackstone grill. You can help support their Lodge when tickets are offered.**

## **CONCORD LODGE #556 (SPENCERVILLE) #556**

**Brother Ford Hudson received his 50 year of gold on March 14. A dinner and celebration was held at the Lodge Hall in Spencerville.**



**Pictured above is Grand Master Richard Lentz, a member of Concord Lodge, with Ford Hudson. A second picture above shows two other members of Concord Lodge, Jim Graham (left) a 50 year member and Jerry Furnish of Concord Lodge who attended the ceremony. Yours truly, Paul Friend, knew these members as we attended the Spencerville grade school and Riverdale High School many years ago. We're all aging!**

**Below is a photo of several Masons who attended the 50 year presentation.**



## **ASHLEY LODGE #614**

**Ashley Lodge held a Master Mason degree on Thursday, March 23. Two candidates were raised to the Master Mason degree included Mike Kugler and Chuck Erickson. Dean Shipe, Worshipful Master is standing front center with Masters hat. On the left of WM Shipe is new Master Mason Mike Kugler and standing on the far right is new Master Mason Chuck Erickson. Seated below Chuck is his father Neils Erickson, who was raised a Master Mason of February 18, 2023.**



## **DEKALB LODGE #214/KENDALLVILLE LODGE #276**

On Saturday, April 29, they will hold a joint Master Mason Degree on candidates. Breakfast at 8; Degree starts 9 AM; At DeKalb Lodge/Auburn.

## **LEO LODGE #224**

Thursday, April 6 – Stated meeting – Dinner at 6 – Meeting at 7

Members urged to bring your family to enjoy food and fellowship at these meetings.

## **SEARCH FOR PAST MASTER FAMILIES CONTINUES!!**

There are now only 16 pictures to be found. A total of 106 are now in place. We have had 122 different Past Masters of Angola Lodge #236, since the Lodge was chartered in 1858.

Finding these Past Masters was/is a great challenge. We need your help to find some pictures of our remaining Past Masters! I have no clue on where to find some of the early Masters.

For example we need Kenneth Rathbun who was Master in 1927 (employed in Angola Post Office); Wayland Seeley in 1937 (operated Angola coal – related to the Teeters in Fremont); John (Jack) Johnson in 1952 (real estate agent for Tri-State Improvement); and Carl Sunday in 1969 (wife Barb involved with City of Angola office). **COME ON YOU LONG TIME ANGOLA RESIDENTS – YOU PROBABLY CAN HELP BUT HAVEN'T ASSISTED YET!!!!**





**TEXT PAUL FRIEND OR CALL AT 260-402-6122 with possible leads.  
Thanks!**

**Shown are the current 105 pictures – 17 to go! See the blank  
picture frames? Let's fill them!**



## **YORK RITE NEWS**

Angola York Rites' next stated meeting is on Thursday, April 6. Meal at 6:15 PM. Meeting at 7:00 PM. York Rite will open on the Chapter, with John Doehrman presiding as High Priest. Officers be prepared to open the Chapter.

**SECOND WEEKEND OF 2023 TRI-STATE FESTIVAL HELD MARCH 4**



**Pictured above are the new members of local York Rite Commanderies from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. You see 22 of the new members in the class.**

**Indiana had candidates who joined the Angola, Auburn, Ft. Wayne and Elkhart York Rite bodies. Candidates were also present from Ohio and Michigan, who joined York Rite in their respective States.**

**Pictured below are the 34 candidates that took the Chapter and Council degrees on February 25 in Michigan Center. It was a great class as the Tri-State Festival observed its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Congratulations to all the new York Rite members.**



**CURRENT ANGOLA YORK RITE PRESIDING OFFICERS**

**High Priest of Angola Chapter #58 is John Doehrman.  
Illustrious Master of Angola Council #27 is Benton Davis.  
Eminent Commander Angola Commandery #45 is Dan Ernsberger.  
The Secretary/Recorder of Angola York Rite is Jimmie Milleman.**

## **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TRI-STATE FESTIVAL COIN AVAILABLE**

**This coin was struck to help commemorate 50 years of the Tri-State Festival in 2023. The Festival started in 1974 and has rotated its' venue in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.**



**The coin was distributed during the Festival. Coins are available to purchase for \$10 from York Rite members in northeast Indiana. Coins are also available from Ken Crouch in Ohio and Donald Trumbull in Michigan.**

## **AMD (ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES) INSTALL OFFICERS**



**On March 29, 2023, a stated meeting was held in Ashley Lodge. AMD is a York Rite group, with the requirements being that one needs to be a Royal Arch member and a Master Mason. Membership is by invitation only. Officers installed were: (front 1 to r) Carson Smith, Senior Warden; Brant Moore, Junior Warden; Mark Goebel, Sovereign Master; Jacob Dermott, Junior Deacon. (Back 1 to r) Jon Doehrman, Chaplain; Benton Davis, Tyler; and Steve Maxwell, Secretary. Not pictured is Frank Reiter, Senior Deacon.**

**AMD looks at degrees that were developed years ago, each of which were put on a shelf somewhere. At stated meetings, these old degrees are portrayed to learn the lessons and to see how they tie in with current degrees in the Blue Lodge and York Rite.**

## **YEOMEN OF YORK – INDIANA PRECEPTORIES**



### **ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY #2** **MET AT TRI-STATE FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

**The Angola Yeomen of York members are now the organizers of the Tri-State Festival, since the membership of this group of distinguished York Rite Masons are from the three states and is the natural organization to easily plan the event.**

**A summer meeting and meal of Angola Preceptory #2, with the ladies is being planned for June or July. The exact date and location will soon be determined. The membership will be informed as it is planned.**

**There are seven Preceptories in Indiana. Northwest #1; Angola #2; Indianapolis #4; Elkhart #5; New Albany #7; Evansville #14 and Frankfort #17. Out of State Preceptories under the Grand Preceptory of Indiana is: Omaha Nebraska #9; Mt. Vernon Illinois #10; Burlington Iowa #12; Chicago Illinois #13; Minnesota #16; and the Albion United Kingdom #17.**

**Each Preceptory holds meeting in their locations, with a Grand Preceptory holding its' Annual Meeting each June.**

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

**Glen Rogers, (center) of Angola Preceptory #2 was recognized by the Grand Preceptory of Indiana with the Wally Roberts Certificate of Merit Award, for service to York Rite. Presenting the award is Michael Hicks, Director General of Angola Preceptory #2 and Paul Friend, Grand Recorder and Past Grand Director General of the State of Indiana.**



## **YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY CHARTERED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

**The Grand Preceptory of Indiana has now gone international when a new Preceptory – Albion Preceptory #17 recently formed. It is located in the United Kingdom and recently received its' official charter.**



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

### **NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETINGS**

**The next Scottish Rite stated meeting is on Tuesday April 11. It will be held at the Ft. Wayne Mizpah Shrine building. Dinner will be at 6:15 PM with meeting to follow. If you are a candidate they will do the first essential degree (4<sup>th</sup>) starting at 5:45 PM.**

### **INVITATION TO JOIN SCOTTISH RITE**

**Master Masons are encouraged to join Scottish Rite. One must petition the Ft. Wayne Valley through a current Scottish Rite member. (Paul Friend will be glad to assist you to petition). There is a fee of \$150.00 to petition and once voted on, degree work will proceed, starting with the introductory or 4<sup>th</sup> degree. One must take a required set of 5 degrees ending with the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree. Once one receives the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree you are an official Scottish Rite member. Many degrees will be available on a Scottish Rite website in the future.**

**A Master Mason in good standing can join Scottish Rite on Saturday, April 22 during the one day class to join Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite and/or Shrine. Please inquire about the procedure to join. A petition must be submitted.**

## **THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE RITE**

Scottish Rite degrees can be obtained through this program (at home on your computer). The first in the series were held in January, February and March. Two more degrees will be presented in this fashion. Once your petition is accepted, you will be given a code to enable for you to watch the degrees. The last of the presentations of the series will be on:

April 13 – 21<sup>st</sup> degree – Patriarch Noachite  
April 19 – 20<sup>th</sup> degree – Master ad Vitam

To join Scottish Rite, contact the Scottish Rite Office (or Paul Friend) on the procedure to register for the degrees. You must present a petition. Once the petition is accepted, you will be able to connect with the computer presentations (special procedure to enroll is necessary).



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

### **POKAGON SHRINE CLUB ACTIVE MEMBER – WILLIAM “BILL” BRYAN**

Noble Bill Bryan has gone to his heavenly home. The family will have a Celebration of Life on Friday, April 14, at the Glendarin Golf Clubhouse from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. The family has requested a Masonic Service on April 14 at the Clubhouse starting at 3:30 PM.

Over the years Bill took special interest in making sure the Pokagon Shrine Club events were planned and carried out. He was a task master in making sure everything was in place. We thank the family for allowing Bill to be part of our Masonic lives. Well done, good and faithful servant.





### **ANGOLA MOOSE LODGE TO HONOR RICHARD DALRYMPLE**

**This Saturday, April 1, the Moose Lodge will be hosting a dinner at 1:00 PM to commemorate the life of Richard Dalrymple. Besides being active in the Masonic Fraternity, he was heavily involved with the Angola Moose, along with his lady Sherri. Dress is casual and all are invited to attend.**

### **POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING IN APRIL 2023**

**The stated meetings of the Pokagon Shrine Club will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on April 19. You are invited to order your meal around 6:15 PM and enjoy fellowship while you eat, with the meeting starting around 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Angola Moose Lodge.**

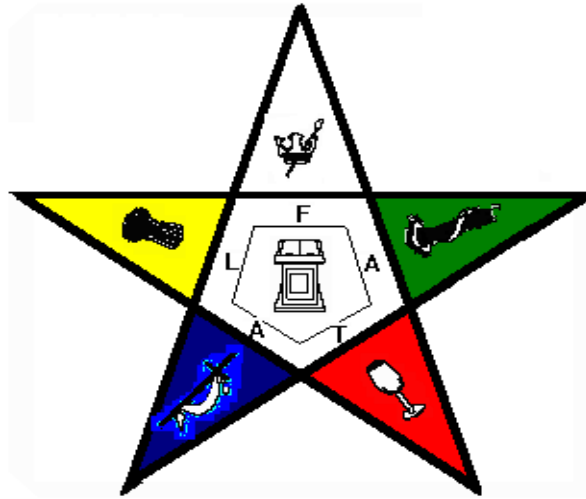
### **NIGHT OF HOPE AND INSPIRATION – APRIL 29**

**This event will be held April 29, 2023 at the Mizpah Shrine Center in Ft. Wayne. Attendees will hear the inspirational story of hope from our Shriners Hospitals, Kids and families**

**A RSVP is necessary by calling 260-426-4543 by April 22. A dinner will be served at 5:30 PM with the presentation at 7:00 PM. The public is welcome.**

### **POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2023 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.**

**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**

<b>Angola #236</b>	<b>1st Tuesday</b>	<b>6:15 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Northeastern #210 (Fremont)</b>	<b>1st Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 Meeting Refreshments follow</b>
<b>Star #225 (Orland)</b>	<b>2nd Wednesday</b>	<b>6:15 Meal at Lodge 7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Ashley #614</b>	<b>1st Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 Meeting Refreshments follow</b>
<b>DeKalb #214</b>	<b>1st Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 Meeting</b>

<b>Forest #239 (Butler)</b>	<b>2nd Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Concord #556</b>	<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	<b>7:30 Meeting</b>
<b>Meridian Sun #76 (LaGrange)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Exc Jan &amp; Feb</b>	<b>6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Kendallville #276</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b>	<b>6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting</b>
<b>Leo #224</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>