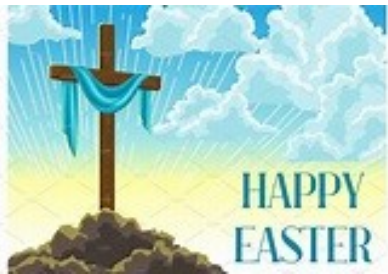


NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2024

Lodge

Angola #236
Star #225
Northeastern #210
Forest #239
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Meridian Sun #76
Leo #224

Worshipful Master

Glen Rogers
Ray Tracey
Chris Sanders
Eric Tracey
William Ternet
Scott Barnhart
Danny Patterson
James Hess
Ray Hoover
Daniel Sparling

Secretary

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

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236 NEWS

ANGOLA LODGE STATED MEETING – APRIL 1

There will be a light meal at 6:15 with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM. Worshipful Master, Glen Rogers invites current members to attend to hear about future activities of the Lodge and encourages your participation.

ANGOLA LODGE RECOGNIZES HARVEY CUNNINGHAM AS A 50 YEAR MEMBER



Harvey Cunningham received his gold pin and plaque for being a 50-year Masonic member. He joined Boone Lodge in Lebanon in 1975 and later transferred his membership to Angola #236. Joining the celebration included: (front 1 to r) Paul Friend, Cunningham and Glen Rogers (current Master of Angola Lodge). The back row includes Bob Hocker, A. J. Hocker Harleys son Mark, Jimmie Milleman and Ian Mountfield. Harvey resides at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

INDIANA GRAND LODGE HONORS A. J. HOCKER



To the left is a picture of A. J. Hocker who is receiving the “Rookie Award” which is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Since A. J. was raised as a Master Mason in Angola Lodge #236 in 2024, he undertook some required activities to earn the award.

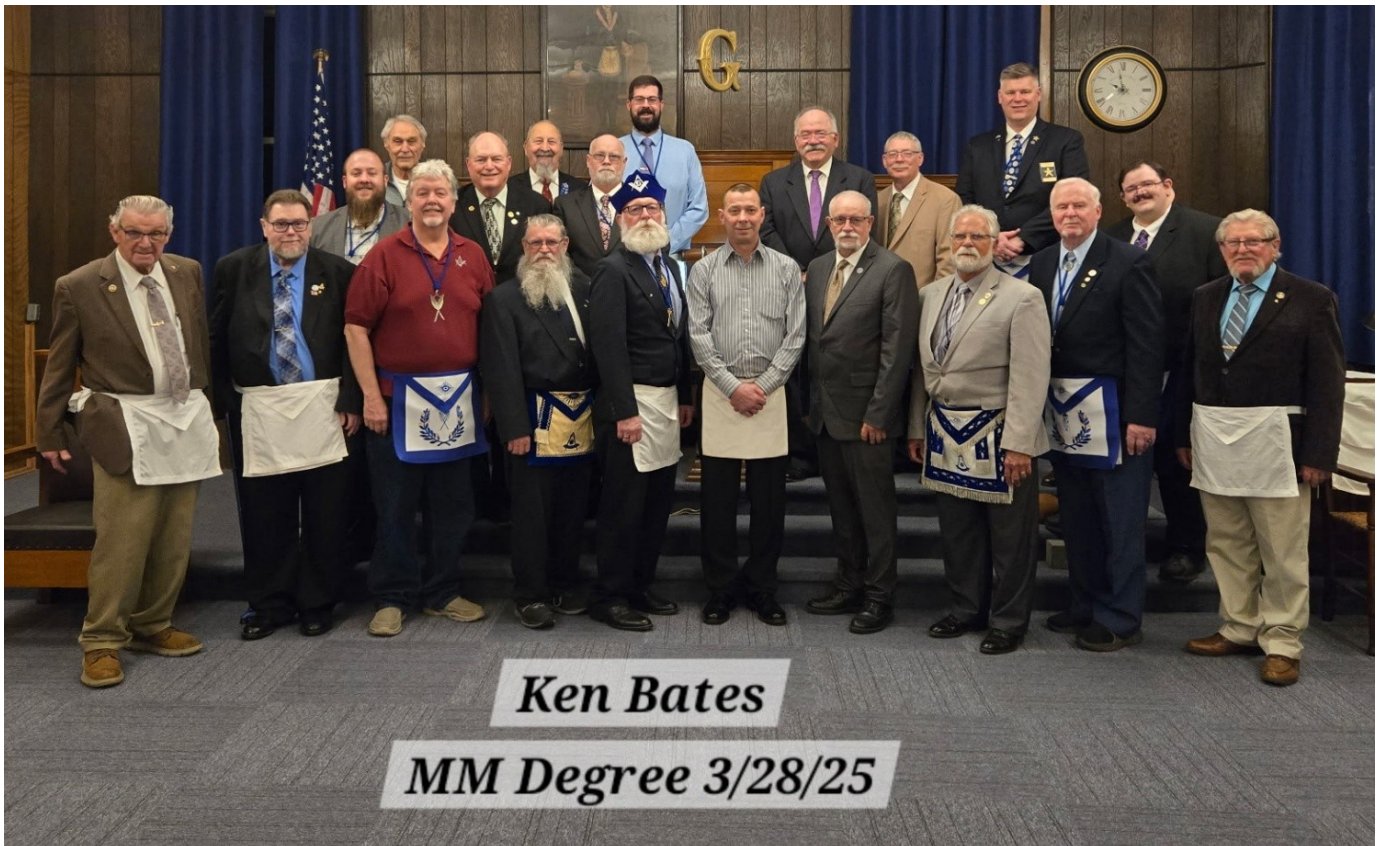
Without hesitation, A. J. completed the tasks (at least 10) to be recognized. Presenting the plaque and lapel pin is Josh Dunsmore, representing the Grand Lodge, who recently presided over a Lodge of Instruction in Angola.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION HOSTED BY ANGOLA #236



Angola Masonic Lodge #236 hosted a Lodge of Instruction for Angola Lodge #236 and Meridian Sun #76 (LaGrange). Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Indiana were present to discuss a variety of subjects for the attendees. Pictured are those that attended, which is mainly the officers of the Masonic Lodges in Angola and LaGrange.

STAR LODGE #225 RAISES NEW MASTER MASON



Lodge members from several northeastern Indiana Masonic Lodges and Michigan were present to raise Ken Bates as a new Master Mason for Star Lodge #225 in Orland on March 28. Ken is in the center of the front row with Worshipful Master Ray Tracey. Assistance was provided by several other Steuben County Lodges.

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 167 years, many have served multiple years. About 5 years ago a project was started to find pictures of all Past Masters. 115 have been found, 5 remain to be found. Here's the list: WHO CAN HELP??

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.

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!! We 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.

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. Newcomer's welcome to attend – there is great fellowship, and you will learn what is going on in Masonry from the various Lodges that attend.

CONCORD LODGE #556 (SPENCERVILLE) NEWS



Concord Lodge had an Entered Apprentice degree on February 25 for Kelly Ash (pictured in center with Worshipful Master, Danny Patterson).

The FC will be held on March 31 (tonight) with dinner at 6:00 and degree at 7:00.



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

York Rite Stated Meeting

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be Thursday, April 3, with the opening on Commandery, with Jay Minick, Eminent Commander presiding. There will be a meal served at 6:30 PM before the opening at 7:00 PM.



Mike Anderson recognized

At the March stated meeting Mike Anderson receives his white lanyard cord for bringing in 9 members into Angola York Rite over the past few years. Presenting the award is Dominic Hamblin, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of the State of Indiana.

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 group

Jim Davis, Most Illustrious Grand Master to preside over the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana, April 13 and 14, 2025 in Indianapolis.



The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana
170th Annual Assembly
PRESIDED OVER BY MOST ILLUSTRIOUS JAMES DAVIS, GRAND MASTER

APRIL 13TH & 14TH, • INDIANAPOLIS, IN
WYNDHAM INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT • 2544 EXECUTIVE DR., INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46241-5013

The Details:

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025
1:00 PM EDT Grand Officers Meeting
2:30 PM EDT Elected Grand Officers
6:30 PM EDT Casual Buffet Dinner

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025
06:30 AM EDT Breakfast
06:30 AM EDT Registration
08:30 AM EDT Session
08:30 AM EDT Opening
12:00 PM EDT Lunch
1:00 PM EDT Chair Degree
1:00 PM EDT Recordors
3:00 PM EDT Installation
6:00 PM EDT Social Hour
7:00 PM EDT Banquet

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Book your hotel room for the event at special rates, available here on an exclusive basis. Please find your booking link below.
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DAVID ULRICH, GRAND RECORDER
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Congratulations to Steuben County native, a member of the York Rite in Angola and Auburn (among other numerous bodies), has the honor to represent local Masons as he completes his year by presiding as Grand Master of Cryptic Masons at the Annual Assembly this month.

Jim has spent several years in the Grand Line and now has the chance to preside as he completes his required tenure as the head of the Grand Line.

A job well done!

ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK



The summer meeting for Angola Preceptory #2 will be the next event for its' membership. The date and venue is currently being planned, probably in June or July 2025. Director General Wayne Cripps is currently organizing the date, time and venue for this meeting. It will include the ladies with a meal. More in formation later.

FUTURE YORK RITE DATES

April 4, 5 and 6 Nashville, IN
Grand Chapter Convocation

April 13 and 14 Indianapolis Airport, Wyndham Hotel
Grand Council Assembly

April 26 and 26 Muncie Marriott Courtyard
Grand Commandery Conclave

May 20 Indianapolis (and potential viewing from your home)
Grand Lodge Annual Communication



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETING

The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite stated meeting is on Tuesday April 8, at Mizpah Shrine building.

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

VALLEY ANNUAL MEETING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On Tuesday, May 13, there will be the election of Offices. The meeting will be held at Mizpah Shrine.

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, 2025**



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING

Pokagon Shrine Club will have a stated meeting on Thursday, April 17, at the Glendarin Golf Course dining room. Order from the menu, starting around 6:15 PM. Meeting to follow.

NOTE THE POKAGON SHRINE CLUB MEETS ON THE THIRD THURSDAY!

POKAGON MEAT RAFFLE TO CONTINUE IN 2025

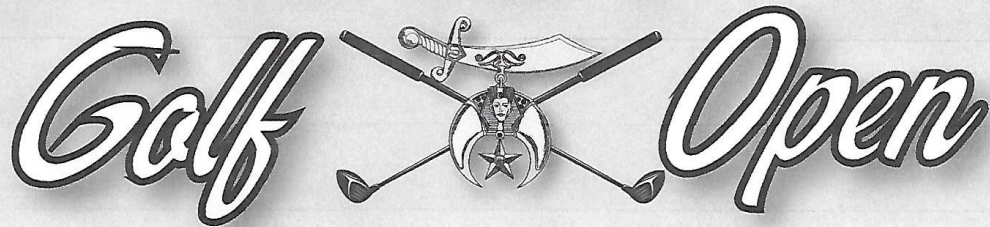
The local Shrine Club will again be having a \$500 meat raffle as its' money maker this year. Albrights of Corunna will assist with the raffle. Profits made are used to support the Shrine Circus expenses. Tickets will soon be printed and distributed. Get ready to assist.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2024 ARE:

Jeff Stanford - President/Treasurer
John Tchinski - Secretary

GOLFERS BEWARE!!

Mizpah Shrine
Directors



June 7, 2025 - 8am
Garrett Country Club

Team Name: _____

Golfer 1: _____ Phone: _____

Golfer 2: _____ Phone: _____

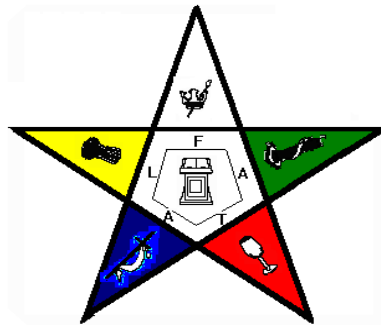
Golfer 3: _____ Phone: _____

Golfer 4: _____ Phone: _____

\$80 Per Player • Total Per Team is \$320

50/50 • Mulligans • Skin Game
Registration @ 7:00am • Tee Off @ 8:00am
Lunch at the Turn • Awards Following

Call in or send this form to:
Bob Tracey bob@pier1977.com (260) 414-2739
1015A Memorial Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805
Make Checks Payable to Mizpah Shrine Directors



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Ashley Chapter #229 meets at 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.**