

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

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Benton Davis
Benjamin Taylor
Rick Rossi
Tim Smith
Stacey Roth
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Michael Gettys
Parker Terry
Kevin Brower
Adam Butler

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Jim Carper
Jim Rosenbury
Aaron Wade
Lee Ray Owen
David Roose

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236 NEWS

Attention Lodge Officers and cast members: Angola Lodge will have a MM practice on August 8 at 6:30 PM.

ANGOLA LODGE #236 BUILDING 100 YEAR OLD CELEBRATION

Angola Masons celebrated its' buildings 100th Anniversary on June 24. The picture below shows a large portion of Indiana Masons of Grand Lodge Officers, Grand York Rite Distinguished Guests, Angola Masons and visiting Lodge Masons that attended. Noted front line officers include Richard Lentz, Past Grand Master and Benton Davis, Worshipful Master of Angola Lodge.



Below: Richard Lentz, Past Grand Master headed the ceremony to rededicate the Lodge Building with corn, wine and oil.



Angola York Rite assisted with presenting the United States Flag and led the attendees with the Pledge to the United States Flag. Pictured are Jay Minick, Brant Moore, Glen Rogers and Jimmie Milleman.





Numerous displays were exhibited to show the past and current Masonic history of the Mssons of Angola Lodge. Displays were also exhibited relative to Angola York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

The Past Master wall of pictures now shows 115 of the 120 Past Masters of Angola Lodge #236, from 1858 to 2023.

Now that the 100th year of the curent building has been celebrated, the Lodge looks forward to its' next 100 years. In looking up the records of the past, it was great that the Lodge had prepared booklets to tell the history of the first years and several of the events held at the Lodge were carried by local newspapers.

EDITORIAL: NOW WHAT?? Angola Lodge needs to continue to record its' community contributions and accomplishments of the Lodge and its' members so that 100 years from now another story can be told about the 200th anniversary of the building. How can that be done other than through the Secretary minutes? Perhaps a Scrapbook or Flashdrive can be kept to pass on the work of the Lodge. Is that important to others besides me? What should be done and who should do it?

ANGOLA LODGE #236 EXHIBITS DURING 100TH ANNIVERSARY



INDIANA GRAND LODGE ANNOUNCES ONE DAY CLASSES

Grand Master Gary Brinley is encouraging each current member to bring in a new petition this year. To assist with this, he has scheduled one-day classes throughout Indiana on SATURDAY OCTOBER 28. The event for northeast Indiana will be held at the Ft. Wayne Mizpah Shrine Building.

To make presenting petitions in a timely manner, the petitions must be turned in at the September stated meetings, in order for voting on the petitions to take place in October. Plan accordingly.

MORE ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236 NEWS



The city of Angola will have an Arts Festival on Saturday August 5, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM around the downtown mound. Members of Angola Lodge will be selling pop and water in front of the Lodge building. Who can help? Volunteers can help by contacting Brant Moore.

There may be some men who will walk by the Lodge and may ask questions about Masonry or want to tour the building . Our Masonic members can talk to men who they consider are interested. Wear a Masonic shirt!

NORTHEASTERN LODGE #210 (Fremont) NEWS

Northeastern Lodge will have the Fellowcraft degree for Brother Todd Johnson on August 25, starting at 7:00 PM.

How many of you remember Sonny and Cher with a popular song, “And the Beat Goes On? It reminds me of the happenings at Northeastern Lodge #210, at the Monday morning coffee and donut gatherings in its’ Lodge Building. They continue to meet throughout the year. Meet around 8:00 AM for fellowship and leave when necessary (usually close to 9:00 AM. Below is the group in July 2023. Oh...the stories!!!! This picture was taken at July 11, 2023 gathering. If you want a good start of the week, join this group and share the activities of your Masonic Lodge.



STAR LODGE #225 (ORLAND) NEWS

Star Lodge has completed its summer project to raise funds through a raffle. The results are:

1st Prize: Glock 43X Pistol or \$500: Dwayne Wilson

2nd Prize: LKCI Eternal S12 St GA Shotgun: Ed Hardiek

3rd Prize: Mr Bratz \$250 Gift Certificate: Charles Hanes

4th Prize: Blackstone 28" Griddle: Benton Davis

CONCORD LODGE #556 (SPENCERVILLE) NEWS

At the recent reception of Grand Master Gary Brinley, Concord Lodge had the responsibility to pass on the Grand Master banner to the Lodge of the Grand Master. The following picture shows the transfer being made.



TINCAPS BASEBALL GAME ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

The Masons of Steuben County are having a night out for a TinCaps Game on August 3. Masons and non-Mason were invited to attend. Game starts at 7:00 PM. We have a private concourse on the third base side. The cost per ticket was \$32, which includes admission, the private group setting, all the peanuts, hamburgers/hot dogs, mac and cheese, vegetables, water and/or soft drinks you can consume. Beer is available for a low price. There will be fireworks after the game.

A large group of Masons and their families will be attending. It is too late to join us at the concourse, but you may be able to purchase a ticket at the entrance and come to visit us (although you cannot come inside the sectioned area). Perhaps you may want to join us next year.

SEARCH FOR PAST MASTER FAMILIES CONTINUES!!

Angola Lodge only have 5 to go!! We are looking for:

WM in 1858 – Jesse Squire: The first Worshipful Master of Angola Lodge. Born 1-13-1820. Died 1-25-1863 at age 43. Buried in Old Circle Hill Cemetary. My (Paul Friend) grandmother was a Squires and I found out he is my 3rd cousin – four times removed. AMAZING!!

WM in 1874 – Simeon Latson: Born 6-1-1845. Died 12-8-1888 at age 43. Buried in Circle Hill, Angola. Born in Scott Township. Had Latsons' General Merchandise Store in Angola. Started his business in 1866 at age 21. His store was on the east side of the square.

WM in 1897 – Fred Snyder: Born near Metz and was a bachelor. Lived in Steuben County all his life. Was Clerk for Newton Gilbert (also an Angola Past Master) when Newton was Lieutenant Governor. Was Grand Noble of Odd Fellows. Buried in Circle Hill Cemetery.

WM in 1921 –W. Earl Dole: Believe born and raised near Salem Center. Worked at Angola Post Office serving the money order division.

WM in 1927 – Ken Rathbun: Believe born near Nevada Mills. Was the Angola Post Master.

Can you help find their pictures? Please search and tell me any clues or family you find. Thanks.



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

Summer Stated Meetings

Angola York Rite will NOT have a stated meeting in August, as we go dark during the summer months. The next stated meeting will be Thursday, September 7, with the opening on the Commandery – its' time to start practicing the opening and floor work!

ANGOLA/APOLLO YORK RITE COMMANDERY

The joint Commandery Inspection of Angola Commandery #45 and Apollo Commandery #19 will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, October 14.

ANGOLA YORK RITE -- MARK MASTER DEGREE

On Tuesday, June 6 Angola York Rite conferred the first degree of York Rite, the Mark Master, on 7 candidates. There was no cost to petition for this degree, as it was conducted to show Master Masons and example of the York Rite work. The York Rite plans to do the remaining York Rite degrees and orders for those interested in the near future.

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.

YEOMEN OF YORK – ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2



INDIANA GRAND YEOMEN OF YORK ANNUAL MEETING

The Indiana Grand Preceptory Annual Meeting was held on Saturday June 17 at Hancock Masonic Lodge in Greenfield. Mike Anderson of Angola Preceptory #2 was sworn in as Grand Director General of the Grand Preceptory of Indiana. Paul Friend continues as Recorder.

ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY #2 ANNUAL MEETING (Date has been changed)

The Annual Meeting of Angola Preceptory #2 will be held on Saturday, October 21 at the Angola Masonic Lodge in Angola, Indiana. It will start at 10:00 AM.

It previously had been set for Saturday, October 14 to coincide with the Angola/Auburn Commandery Inspection. Due to many conflicts from many current and past Officers and members, it was necessary to keep the third Saturday of October as its' meeting date. It will conclude with a light meal at noon.

Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2 had its summer outing with the ladies on Saturday on July 22. A buffet was served, along with Ritas' famous homemade pies.

**The current Director General is Mike Hicks of Michigan.
The current Preceptory Recorder is Donald Trumbull. If you have inquiries about the Preceptory call Donald at 734-775-4045 or email at trumballdonald@gmail.com.**

OTHER YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY NEWS

Dates to hold:

Elkhart Prec. # 5 – Ladies night dinner - August 12 6 PM
Indianapolis Prec. #4 – Annual Meeting - Nov. 4 – Hancock Lodge 10 AM
Elkhart Prec. #5 – Annual meeting - Nov 11 Kane Lodge Elkhart 10 AM
Evansville Prec. # 14 – Annual meeting - Nov 11 - 10 AM Evansville
New Albany Prec. #7 – Annual meeting - Nov 15 - 10 AM - Corydon

TRI-STATE FESTIVAL DATES FOR 2024

York Rite bodies in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan should hold the dates for the next Tri-State Festival.

Saturday, February 24: Chapter and Council Degrees in Bryan, Ohio.

Saturday, March 2: Commandery Orders in Angola, Indiana.

If you have not purchased the commemorative coin from last year's 50th Anniversary, they are available.





SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETINGS

The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite stated meeting is on Tuesday, August 8. It will be held at the Kosciusko County Shrine Club building in Warsaw. The 13th degree will be shown. Dinner at 6:15 and meeting at 7:00 PM.

TENURE AWARDS ON AUGUST 19

The 5 – 10 – 25 – 50 – 60 – 65 – and 70 year membership awards will be on Saturday, August 19. Call in your reservations for the meal.

33RD DEGREE TO BE GIVEN ON AUGUST 26-29 , 2023 IN LOUISVILLE

Congratulations to Chris Sanders, Fred Lucabaugh, Terry Roe and Larry Davis for receiving their 33rd degree this fall.

ANNUAL BEAN DINNER SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 27

Mark it on your calendar. A free meal for members and guests. This event allows members to invite Masons to learn about Scottish Rite. More later

FALL REUNION TO BRING IN NEW SCOTTISH RITE MEMBERS

Fall reunion degree day of November 4 to join Scottish Rite:
4th live; 6th video; 10th live; 27th live; and 32nd live. Save the date of November 4.

WINE TASTING SET FOR MARCH 16, 2024. HOLD THE DATE



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

NEXT MIZPAH STATED

August 2, is the next stated meeting at Mizpah Shrine Building.

MIZPAH CEREMONIAL

The next class to take in new member is Saturday, November 4, at the Mizpah Shrine Building in Ft. Wayne. If interested, contact a current member or Paul Friend. An advanced petition is required. Inquiries welcome.

POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING

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 August 16. 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. If you do not wish to eat, come to the meeting at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Glendarin Golf Course Clubhouse.

ATTEND THE SPORTSMAN RAFFLE TO HELP OUR LOCAL CLUB SELL MEAT RAFFLE TICKETS AND BEER MUGS/SHIRTS.

Your help at the raffle is needed. You can take a shift of 2 or 3 hours, then enjoy the other activities. Please inquire on when you can help!

MIZPAH SHRINE 2023 SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE LIST

1. Sig Sauer P320 Com 9mm	21. Taurus G2C 9mm Luger	41. Sav. Arms Axis XP 30-06	61. Trad. Outfitter 450 Bush	81. Sav. Arms Stevens 410g O/U
2. Stoeger STR-9 OR 9mm	22. Rem 783 Com. 308 Win	42. CZ Woodstock G2 O/U 12g	62. Ben. Nova R/Tree Max5 12g	82. Bond Arms R/Neck 45 ACP
3. Bond Arms Rneck 45 ACP	23. Moss 500 Field/Deer 12ga	43. Trad. Outfitter 450 Bush	63. Walther PDP Com. OR 9mm	83. Sav. Mark II BV N/Wood 22lr
4. Glock 43X 9mm 10+1	24. Sav Arms Axis XP 350 Leg	44. Rem. 870 Exp. Tac. 12g	64. Stoeger STR-9 OR 9mm	84. Henry Black Lever Rifle 22lr
5. Rem. 870 Exp. Tac 12g	25. Stoeger STR-9 OR 9mm	45. Spring Armory Hcat Pro OR	65. Kimber LW Arctic 45 Auto	85. Mossberg 590 Tac 7+1 12g
6. Benelli Nova R/Tree 12g	26. CVA Scout 350 Leg	46. Sav. Arms Axis XP 350 Leg	66. Spring. Armory H/Cat Pro OR	86. TriStar Viper G2 Silver 12g
7. Moss. 590 Tac 7+1 12g	27. Rem 870 Exp. Tac. 12g	47. Sloeger STR-9 OR 9mm	67. Rem. 870 Exp. Tactical 12g	87. CZ Woodstock G2 O/U 12g
8. Kel-Tec KS7 6+1 12g	28. Spring. Hellcat Pro. OR	48. Sav. Mark II BV N/Wood 22lr	68. Sav. Arms Axis XP 350 Leg	88. Sav. Arms Slavens 4 10g O/U
9. CZ Bobwhite SXS 20g	29. Sig Sauer P320 Com. 9mm	49. Kel-Tec KS7 6+1 12ga 18.5"	69. Ruger Mule Deer 10/22 22lr	89. Sig Sauer P320 Com. 9mm
10. CZ Woodstock G2 O/U 12g	30. Walther PDP Com. OR 9mm	50. Walther PDP Com. OR 9mm	70. Sig Sauer P320 Com. 9mm	90. Sav. Arms Axis XP 350 Leg
11. TaurusG2C9mmLug 12+1	31. Glock 43X 9mm 10+1	51. Glock 43X 9mm 10+1	71. Sav. Arms 555 410g O/U	91. Kel-Tec KS7 6+1 12g
12. Moss. 500 Field.Veer 12ga	32. Rug. Mule Deer 10/22 22lr	52. Henry Black Lever Rifle 22lr	72. TriStar Viper G2 Silver 12g	92. Rem. 783 Com. 308 Win
13. Ruger MDeer 10/22 22lr	33. Kim. LW Arctic 45 Auto	53. Moss. 590 Tac 7+1 12g	73. Mossberg 590 Tac 7+1 12g	93. Sav. Mark II BV N/Wood 22lr
14. Henry Black Lever Rifle 22lr	34. Bonds Arms Rneck 45 ACP	54. CVA Scout Tdown 350 Leg	74. CZ USA R/Head Prem.12g O/U	94. Bond Arms R/Neck 45 ACP
15. Sig Sauer P320 Com 9mm	35. Henry Black Lever Rifle 22lr	55. Taurus G2C 9mm Luger	75. Taurus G2C 9mm Luger	95. Moss. 500 F/Deer Scoped 12g
16. Sav Nms Axis XP 30-06	36. CVA Scoul Tdown 350 Leg	56. Rem. 783 Compact 308 Win	76. CVA ScoutT / Down 350 Leg	96. Ruger Mule Deer 10/22 22lr
17. Bond Nms Rneck 45 ACP	37. Ben. Nova Rtree Max-5 12g	57. CZ Bobwhite SXS 20g	77. Kel-Tec KS7 6+1 12ga 18.5"	97. Glock 43X 9mm 10+1
18. Stoeger STR-9 OR 9mm	38. Rem. 783 Com. 308 Win	58. Sav. Arms Axis XP 30-06	78. Remington 783 Com. 308 Win	98. Trad. Outfitter B/Action 450 Bush
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20. Sav Mark II BV Wood 22lr	40. Taurus G2C 9mm Luger	60. Mossberg 500 F/Deer 12g	80. Savage Arms Axis XP 30-06	100. CZ USA R/Head Prem. 12g O/U
				101. LWRCIC DI 5.56mm NATO 30+1

SPORTSMAN GUN RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

The Mizpah Shrine 2023 sportsman gun raffle drawing will be on Saturday, September 9 at the Shrine Horsegrounds in Columbia City. There will be 100 guns drawn and your ticket is good for the drawing of ALL 100 guns. Tickets are \$20 each, and one can buy as many tickets as you wish.

Your ticket is not only good for the raffle drawings; it will also give you admission into the raffle. The Mizpah Shriners will be serving sandwiches, salads, chips, water, soft drinks and other treats all day. Your ticket allows you to eat all you wish at no extra cost. Even the beer is free. You can sit in the shade of a tent to wait for your name to be drawn, or participate in extra fun games and drawings.

If your name is drawn, you do not need to keep that particular gun, but can exchange it for its' value on another gun of your choice. If you desire to purchase a raffle ticket(s), contact Paul Friend at 260-402-6122.

Find the listing of the 100 guns to be drawn above. What a variety!!

POKAGONS SHRINE CLUB \$500 MEAT RAFFLE

The Shriners of Steuben County, which is organized under the name of "Pokagon Shrine Club", are holding their own raffle for \$500 worth of credit at Albrights Meat Market in Corunna. The winner receives a gift card to spend on whatever one wishes at their grocery and meat market.

The tickets are available to sell to the public or for you to purchase. The tickets have been distributed to our usual local members for selling to the public. If you were missed, please call Paul Friend for tickets (402-6122).

The tickets cost \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be held on September 9, during the Gun Raffle drawings in Columbia City.

One does not need to be present to win. Profits are used to pay for the support of sending the Steuben County 4th graders to the Shrine Circus – which the club has been doing for over 60 years.



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB RAFFLE
“WHERE’S THE BEEF?”
\$500 CREDIT FOR MEAT OF YOUR CHOICE

Drawing: Saturday, September 9, 2023
Shrine Horse Show Grounds at 5:00 p.m.
985 N. State Road 9, Columbia City, IN

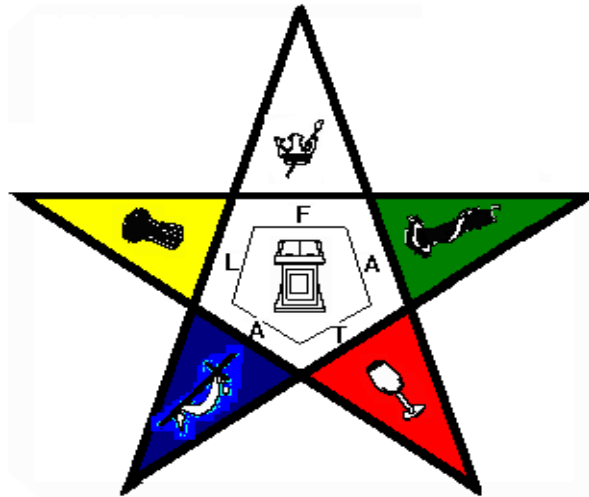
Meat from Albright’s One Stop Grocery
110 N. Bridge St., Corunna, IN

Need not be present to win - winner will be notified
All Proceeds to benefit Mizpah Shrine Temple
Raffle Information: www.shrine-sportsman.com IN Lic# 001961
Payments are not deductible as a charitable contribution
TICKET PRICE: \$5.00 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20.00

SAMPLE TICKET

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.**

**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

CHECK WITH OFFICERS TO SEE IF THE LODGE HAS GONE DARK

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

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.**