

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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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	Danny Patterson	Jim Rosenbury
Kendallville #276	James Hess	Aaron Wade
Meridian Sun #76	Ray Hoover	Lee Ray Owen
Leo #224	Daniel Sparling	David Roose
Edon Lodge #474	Wyatt Zulch	Kyle Long

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236

Angola Lodge does not have a stated meeting until Tuesday, September 2. Angola Lodge is still dark August. However, there will be a called meeting in August, as mentioned below.

Glen Rogers, Worshipful Master announces that Angola Lodge will be presenting a 50 year award to Vernard Hughes a Brother from Huntington, West Virginia who now resides in Angola on Tuesday August 5th at 7Pm in the Lodge at Angola. Also Angola Lodge is planning a Rusty Nail Degree on Saturday September 20th with a light breakfast at 830 with the Degree following, as described below.

MULTIPLE MASONIC LODGE ACTIVITY **ANY LOCAL LODGE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE**

Rusty Nail Degree

Angola Lodge is planning a Rusty Nail degree, under the leadership of Glen Rogers, Worshipful Master of Angola Lodge #236. The degree reviews the signs, meaning of the signs, working tools and their meanings, words, etc. of the three degrees?

It is planned for Saturday morning September 20, at Angola Lodge with a breakfast around 8:30 AM, followed by the degree at 9:00 AM.

It takes several members who are assigned tasks to give and explain. One needs to look at the Monitor or online to find the content of the Rusty Nail degree, or easier yet the ritual can be send to you, upon request from Glen. It would be given to those who want a better understanding, or to refresh the memory of long-term Masons.

Check with Glen if you are willing to assist. He is looking for volunteers (and would appreciate your help!)

GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Angola Lodge #236 had 3 recipients of the Grand Lodge Scholarship program: Quin Aldred, son of Andy Aldred PM; Gilbert Ruselink, grandson of Richard Ruselink PM; and Brody Friend, grandson of Paul Friend, PM. A total of 619 students received scholarships for the 2025-26 season.

ANGOLA JULY 4TH PARADE PARTICIPANTS



Several Steuben County Masons took part in the Angola July 4th Parade. Pictured (l to r) are: Jay Minick, James Davis, Glen Rogers, Jimmie Milleman, Joe Frymier, A. J. Hocker and Paul Friend.

VETERANS COURT – CONCORD LODGE #556 ACTIVITY



Pictured are Danny Patterson, Concord #556 Worshipful Master; Richard Muntz PM, Meridian Sun #76; Danny Martin, Past Grand Master; Jim Rosenbury, PM Concord Lodge #556; Denny Davis, Grand Lecturer; Randolph Seipel, Indiana Grand Master; Doug Cheek, JS Concord Lodge #556 and Fred Diehl, Forest Lodge #239.

There being a graduate of the Veterans Court, Concord Lodge and Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star hosted a reception. The guest speaker was Grand Master Randolph Seipel, Grand Master of Masons of Indiana.

By completing a detailed list of required activities, a Veteran can be released of any record criminal record that one has received. This is a great program that Concord Lodge #556 has conducted over the years, which is held by the Honorable Judge Grimm, a member of Concord Lodge.

STAR LODGE #556 (ORLAND) RAFFLE

**ORLAND MASONIC
STAR LODGE #225 RAFFLE**

1ST PRIZE:

SOG Tactical Knife, range finder,
binoculars & backpack.

MSRP: \$550.00



2ND PRIZE:

5-Piece DeWalt 20V tool set w/
batteries & bag.

MSRP: \$450.00



3RD PRIZE:

Gift Card to Sportsman's Warehouse

MSRP: \$200



TICKETS: \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20

DRAWING 9/6/2025

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Concord Lodge #556

Recent happenings and upcoming events for Concord Lodge #556.

Veterans Court – July 3rd

What a great day it was on Thursday July 3rd in Veterans Court. Grand Master Randy Seiple, Past Grand Master Danny Martin, and Grand Lecturer Denny Davis came to watch a Veteran complete the requirements and graduate from Veterans Court. Spencerville OES 386 assisted with serving the refreshments.

Brother Ron Buskirk from Schofield House at Concord Lodge – July 8th

WB Ron Buskirk is the recent Past Master of Schofield Lodge 1818 UD. Brother Ron is also on the Board of Directors at Compass Park. For Masonic Education at Concord's July 8th stated meeting, Brother Ron made a presentation on the Schofield House and discussed the activities and improvements at Compass Park. It was a very enlightening and informative evening.

Donuts at Pickle Fest – July 19th

Concord Lodge 556 made and sold donuts at the Lodge and at the St. Joe Pickle Fest. We purchased a new popup tent for donut sales and other uses.

Also, every child that came to the tent was given a free donut. In addition, Concord Lodge 556 gave a Child ID Kit to parents and/or grandparents and explained how to use the kit.

Grand Lecturer Denny Davis coming to Concord Lodge 556 – October 14th

Indiana Grand Lecturer Denny Davis is coming to Concord Lodge 556 to make a presentation on Masonic Etiquette. Concord Lodge is inviting all area Lodges to attend.

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Stated Lodge meeting at 7:30 pm

Grand Lecturer Denny Davis will be making the presentation right after Lodge opening.

Please let Jim Rosenbury, Sec know the head count for dinner.

Text count to 586-822-5407 or email to concord556@outlook.com

Concord Lodge #556

Concord Lodge secured a portable tent to use during the production and sale of donuts during community events. It was recently used during the Pickle Festival held in St. Joe, Indiana



MERIDIAN SUN LODGE #76 (LAGRANGE) RAFFLE

Meridian Sun is having a raffle to help with the finances of their Lodge. In fact they are having TWO raffles, as shown below.

The winning tickets are to be drawn Friday October 10. This is their first announcement of the raffle – so you have plenty of time to contact a local member for a ticket or two.

No. 2442	Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____	<p>DRAWING FOR \$500.00 Albright's Gift Certificate Friday, October 10, 2025 To be given by Meridian Sun Lodge #76 IN LIC #017662</p> <p><i>"Proceeds to benefit Meridian Sun Lodge and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution"</i></p> <p>Donation \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Need not be Present to win</p>	No. 2442
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No. 1407	Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____	<p>DRAWING FOR Charles Daly Honcho XL Tactical <i>12 ga. pump shotgun</i> Friday, October 10, 2025 To be given by Meridian Sun Lodge #76 IN LIC #017662</p> <p><i>"Proceeds to benefit Meridian Sun Lodge and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution"</i></p> <p>Donation \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Need not be Present to win</p>	No. 1407
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EDON LODGE (OHIO) #474

Edon Lodge #474 conducted an Entered Apprentice Degree on June 2 on Wes Mayer and Austin Batt (front row 3rd and 4th from left).

Edon Lodge now meets at Bryan Lodge for its' meeting since the Lodge building in Edon had some building maintenance issues.

The FC degree is being planned but the date and time is not known at this time.





ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

YORK RITE STATED MEETING

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, September 4. Angola York Rite is dark in July and August.

The September meeting will be opening on the Commandery, with Mike Anderson, Eminent Commander presiding. Bring your sword and a ballcap. A practice will take place for the upcoming Inspection.

In the meantime, Angola Commandery will have a called organizational meeting on **Thursday, August 7 at Angola Lodge. Planning will take place for the Annual Inspection of Angola Commandery #45 and Apollo Commandery #19, which will take place on Saturday, October 18 (keep that date open so you can attend). The meeting will start at 6:30 PM. (From Mike Anderson, Eminent Commander)**

THE 2026 TRI-STATE FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON:

Saturday, February 28, 2026 – Chapter and Council Degrees in Michigan

Saturday, March 7, 2026 – Commandery Orders in Ohio

PUT DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND HOLD OPEN!!

The Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio are invited to attend to be introduced to the candidates. Comments will be received from these distinguished guests.

REMEMBER: Candidates are welcome from all three states and will be receiving the degrees and orders from excellent ritualists, which will leave a lasting understanding of Masonry when it concludes.

2025 ANGOLA YORK RITE PRESIDING OFFICERS

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

Angola York Rite Council #27 – Jay Minick as Illustrious Master

Angola Commandery #45 – Mike Anderson as Eminent Commander

Jimmie Milleman is the Secretary/Recorder of all 3 groups

GRAND YEOMEN OF YORK OF INDIANA NEWS



ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2 YEOMEN SUMMER MEETING

The summer meeting for Angola Preceptory #2 was held on Saturday, July 19 at Ritas' Family Dining in Edgerton OH. This was a buffet meal with homemade pie. This was a social event with the ladies. The meal was served at 11:00 AM, with the meeting following.

Director General Wayne Cripps (pictured in the above right photo, second from right), from Ohio, presided over the meeting. Don Trumbull (pictured in right photo, left side) of Michigan is the Recorder.

ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2 YEOMEN ANNUAL MEETING
COMBINING WITH ANGOLA #45 AND APOLLO #19
INSPECTION THIS FALL

The Annual Meeting for the Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2 will be on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Angola Lodge #236. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM. Coffee and donuts will be served starting at 9:00 AM. **PUT THE DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR!**

This is the same date as the Annual Inspection for Angola Commandery #45 and Apollo Commandery #19. Any York Rite member is invited to attend. The inspection will start after a noon meal.



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB STATED MEETING

Pokagon Shrine Club will have a stated meeting on Thursday, August 21, at the Glendarin Golf Course dining room. Order from the menu, starting around 6:15 PM. Meeting to follow.

REMEMBER: POKAGON SHRINE CLUB MEETS ON THE THIRD THURSDAY!

POKAGON \$500 MEAT RAFFLE TO CONTINUE IN 2025

The local Shrine Club will again be having a \$500 meat raffle as its' money maker for the year. Albrights of Corunna will be the source of the winning ticket drawn. The award will be a gift card, from which one can purchase anything in their store.

Profits made are used to support the Shrine Circus expenses and their other philanthropies. Tickets are now printed and ready for distribution. Get ready to assist. Call Paul Friend to obtain tickets for you to sell or to buy personally. Call 260-402-6122.

The Sportsman Gun Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, at the Shrine Horse Grounds near Columbia City.

A sample ticket showing the details of the meat raffle is below.

**POKAGON SHRINE CLUB RAFFLE
"WHERE'S THE BEEF?"**

\$500 CREDIT FOR MEAT OF YOUR CHOICE

Drawing: Saturday, September 6, 2025

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

SHRINE SPORTSMAN'S GUN RAFFLE CONTINUES

**SPORTSMAN'S
RAFFLE**

September 6, 2025
Event from Noon - 5PM
Doors Open at 11AM
(Food & Refreshments Included)

TICKETS
\$20 Advanced
\$25 At The Door

100 GUNS!

For purchase tickets, contact

SHRINE HORSE PATROL GROUNDS
985 N STATE ROAD 9, COLUMBIA CITY IN

IN LIC #001961

MUST BE: 16 OR OLDER TO ENTER & 18 OR OLDER TO PURCHASE TICKETS

13th Annual
MIZPAH SHRINE'S
SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE

THE RURAL KING

100 GUNS TO BE RAFFLED OFF
IN A 5 HOUR PERIOD
HAVE YOU PURCHASED A TICKET?

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT
TO WIN A GUN

What a deal for gun enthusiasts!! Tickets on sale by several local Shriners. If you don't know Shriners, call Paul Friend at 260-402-6122. The raffle ticket costs are \$20. You can buy in multiples. Each ticket you buy will be eligible to be drawn for all 100 guns.

Not only are the tickets good for the raffle, it gives one admission to the Shrine Patrol Grounds (in Columbia City) where the raffle will be held on September 6.

Once on the grounds you can eat all the hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, water, soft drinks etc, you wish to consume. FREE BEER ALL DAY!! They will have a PA system in place so you can hear the name who won each gun. THIS MAY BE YOUR YEAR TO WIN! You can win more than one gun.

Below is a listing of the 101 guns to be drawn! (they have added a special commemorative gun)

MIZPAH SHRINERS

"13th Annual Sportsman's Raffle"

Saturday, September 6, 2025 • Shrine Horse Patrol Grounds
985 N. State Road 9, Columbia City, IN • 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

13th
Annual

13th
Annual

A GUN GIVEN AWAY EVERY 3 MINUTES!

This ticket eligible for all guns on back PLUS any additional add-ons

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

1. All local, State and Federal Laws will be adhered.
2. Must be 18 years old to purchase ticket.
3. Must be 16 years of age to be admitted.
4. "Sportsman Raffle reserves the right to substitute any gun at equal or greater value".
5. You must present ticket to enter or receive food.
6. Need not be present to WIN.
7. All firearms will be issued from *Rural King* 8801 US-24, Ft. Wayne, IN 46804.

All proceeds benefit MIZPAH Shrine Temple General Fund • All winners will be notified by mail
Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions

Shrine Information • www.Mizpahshrine.com

Price: \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the door)

IN Lic# 001961

MIZPAH SHRINE 2025 SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE LIST

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Mossberg Shockwave 590 20g | 21 CZ 612 12g | 41 Savage Arms 555 O/U 20g | 60 Bond Arms Roughneck 9mm | 80 Heritage RR 22mag/22lr |
| 2 Ruger 1022 Tactical 22lr | 22 Henry Golden Boy H004L 22lr | 42 Colt Python .357 Mag. Stain. 357mag | 61 Moss. Mav. 88-Security 12g | 81 G-Force Arms Huckleberry 410g |
| 3 Ruger American Ranch 7.62x39 | 23 Moss. Patriot Syn. 450 Bush. | 43 Win. XPR Hunter 7mm rem mag | 62 Heritage RR 22mag/22lr | 82 Ruger Mark IV Target 22lr |
| 4 Springfield 1911 MIL-SPEC 5 | 24 Moss. Mav. 88 - Security 12g | 44 Henry Gold. Silver H004SE 22lr | 63 Rug. 75th Ann. 10/22 Sporter 22lr | 83 NAA Mini Revolver 22wmm |
| 5 Henry Classic H001 22lr | 25 Ruger 1022 Camo 22lr | 45 CZ 612 12g | 64 G-Force Mares Leg RD GFLVR357P | 84 CZ P10 S 9mm |
| 6 Mossberg Patriot 7mm-08 | 26 Heritage RR 22mag/22lr | 46 Bond Arms Roughneck 357 | 65 CZ P10S | 85 Glock G20SF 10mm |
| 7 Bond Arms Grizzly 45LC/410 | 27 CZ P10 S 9mm | 47 Henry Classic H001 22lr | 66 Moss. Patriot Syn. 450 Bushmaster | 86 Ruger Sec 380 |
| 8 Tisas 1911 A1 US Army WWII | 28 Moss. 590 Shockwave 12g | 48 Moss. Mav. 88-Security 12g | 67 Tisas 1911 A1 US Army WWII 45acp | 87 Moss. Mav. 88-Security 12g |
| 9 Savage Axis XP 350 Legend | 29 Rug. Super Wrang. 22mag/22lr | 49 Ruger 1022 Carb. W/Miridian 22lr | 68 Bond Arms Cyclops 45-70 | 88 Bond Arms Roughneck 357 |
| 10 Ruger Sec 380 | 30 Spring. 1911 Mil-Spec 5 45acp | 50 G-Force Arms Huckleberry 410g | 69 Win. SXP Trap Compact 12g | 89 Rug. 75th Ann. 10/22 Sporter 22lr |
| 11 G-Force Arms Huckleberry 410g | 31 Sav. Arms 93R17 GV 17hmr | 51 Henry Big Boy Brass Side Gate 357mag/38spl | 70 Sav. Arms B22 Mag. Prec. 22wmm | 90 Ruger Super Wrang. 22mag/22lr |
| 12 Savage Arms 555 O/U 410g | 32 Henry Classic H001 22lr | 52 Ruger Sec 380 | 71 Tisas 1911 A1 US Army WWII 45acp | 91 Henry Classic H001 22lr |
| 13 Rock Island VR80 12g | 33 Weath. Van. Syn. 200win mag | 53 Ruger Super Wrang. 22mag/22lr | 72 Ruger Mini-14 Ranch 556 | 92 Savage Arms 555 O/U 12g |
| 14 Bond Arms Roughneck 9mm | 34 Diamondback DB 10 20* 308 | 54 Ruger Mark IV Target 22lr | 73 Mag. Desert Eagle 1911 45acp | 93 Moss. Patriot Synthetic 308 |
| 15 Moss. 500 Field/Deer Combo 12g | 35 Bond Arms Cyclops 45-70 | 55 Diam. db15 combo 556 & 300 blackout | 74 Moss. 590 Shockwave 410g | 94 Moss. 500 Grand Slam Turkey 12g |
| 16 Cent. Arms Canik TP9SFx 9mm | 36 Ruger Sec 380 | 56 Win. SXP Waterfowl Hunter 20g | 75 Ruger Sec 380 | 95 Mag. Desert Eagle 1911 45acp |
| 17 Bond Arms Roughneck 357/38 | 37 Win. SX4 Hybrid Hunter 12g | 57 Cent. Arms Canik TP9SFx 9mm | 76 Ruger Super Wrang. 22mag/22lr | 96 Bond Arms Grizzly 45LC/410 |
| 18 Savage Arms 93R1 GV 17hmr | 38 Sav. Arms 93R17 GV 17hmr | 58 Ruger Sec 380 | 77 Sav. Arms 93R17 GV 17hmr | 97 Ruger Mini-14Ranch 556 |
| 19 Ruger 75th Ann. 10/22 Sporter 22lr | 39 Bond Arms Roughneck 357/38 | 59 Savage Axis XP 350 legend | 78 Ruger Mark IV Target 22lr | 98 NNA Mini Revolver 22wmm |
| 20 Heritage RR 22lr | 40 G-Force Arms Huckleberry 410g | | 79 Mag. Desert Eagle 1911 45acp | 99 Rug. New Model Black. Con. 357/9mm |
| | | | | 100 Ruger SFAR 308 Win. Semi-Auto. 38" |
| | | | | 101 Spring. M1A Scout Squad 308 |

Winners will be notified by mail and must pay sales tax. Winners may trade their gun for a gift card issued by Rural King for value paid by Shriners for gun.
Grand Prize #101 Spring. M1A Scout Squad 308 is non exchangeable. Drwg. order subject to change. Pictures of raffle attendee may appear in Mizpah Shrine publications.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2025 ARE:

Jeff Stanford - **President/Treasurer**
John Tchinski - **Secretary**



STATED MEETING

The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite meeting is on Tuesday August 12, at the Mizpah Shrine building in Ft. Wayne. There will be a meal from 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM (ladies invited), with the meeting to follow.

At this meeting the Valley will recognize extended members service during the dinner, meaning 5, 10, 25, 50, 60, and 70 years of membership.

Included members to be recognized from northeast Indiana are: Angola Lodge: Jim Crawl (50) and Richard Hickmen (25); Ashley Lodge: Brad Carper (25); George DeLong (50) Lesla Lein, Jr. (60); Michael Musser (10); and Theodore Sterling (25); Concord Lodge: Michael Gettys (5) and Christophere Squires (5); DeKalb Lodge: Argyl Bassett (65); Forest Lodge: Nathan Wilondek (25) and David Yarde II (25); Hicksville Lodge: Scott Wonderly (25); Meridian Sun Lodge; Kevin Brower (25); Ryan King (25); and Joshua Logan (25)

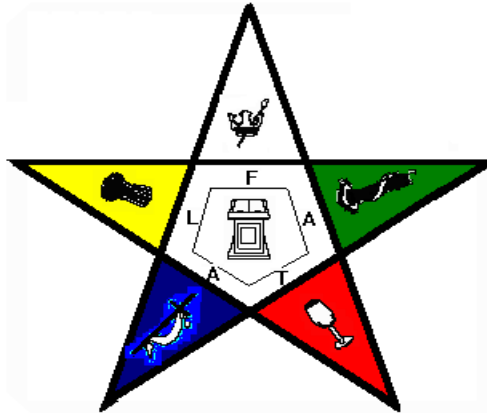
Ft Wayne Scottish Rite has a program called “Rite on the Road”, where they conduct a degree or two at a Masonic Lodge building. The next one will be August 29 at Columbia City #189. The evening starts at 6:00 PM, with a meal at 6:30 PM and the degree that follows.

During the meal, new candidates receive the first degree of Scottish Rite (4th degree), before one of other degrees is presented.

Master Masons can join Scottish Rite at the “Rite on the Road”. If interested one needs to complete a membership application and turn in the initiation fee of \$150.

The Ft. Wayne Valley has long prided itself in being a very special place as they build upon our Masonic friendships and enjoy a new journey as Freemasons. They stand together in good times and bad and strive to fulfill the Masonic obligation to care for one another through the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

If you are not a Scottish Rite Mason and would like to learn more or become a member, contact Paul Friend at 260-402-6122



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

NOTE: Plans are in the making to make this newsletter available to a larger number of Eastern Star members and to list activities and results of Eastern Star events. Hope to have it in place by the September newsletter.

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	6:30 Meal 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.**