

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS – 2024 or 2025

Lodge

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

Worshipful Master

Glen Rogers
Ray Tracey
Chris Sanders
Eric Tracey
Stacey Roth
Dean Shipe
Blake Myers
Parker Terry
Jerry Glenn
Mark W. Reese

Secretary

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

(Meeting dates and times listed on last page of newsletter)

Pay your 2025 dues in a timely manner.

PLEASE SEND ME NAMES OF WM AND SEC FOR 2025!

MASONIC LODGE NEWS – ALL MASONS INVITED!

Feast of St. John the Evangelist for Northeast Indiana **This a multi-county event, including Ohio and Michigan**

Your lodge members invited.

A multicounty Lodge Feast of St. John will be on Friday December 27, 2024 at Ashley Lodge #614 in Ashley, IN (located next to the yellow water tower in central Ashley). Gather at 6:00 PM – Meal at 6:30 PM – Table Lodge to follow. Men only! The guest speaker will be David Fidler II.

In the early days of Masonry the Lodges sometimes would meet in taverns and would make toasts to Masonry and the leaders of the craft. Today we do a similar assembly, but do it in a Lodge dining room setting. It will include a festive evening meal, toasts made to honor the days of old, the current fraternity, the Grand Lodge, our Blue Lodges, etc. It is important to honor those men of old and today's leaders to keep the Masonic concepts alive and well.

The evening also includes the passing of a basket to collect money for a brother in need. The meal will be served by the Order of the Eastern Star – always an excellent meal. Let us know if you have a brother in need.

YOUR LODGE MUST EVENTUALLY REPORT YOUR ATTENDANCE SO ADEQUATE FOOD IS PREPARED. MORE LATER. KEEP DATE OPEN!! Contact Angola Secretary Jay Minick with your numbers at least a week in advance. Text or email Jay at: 260-908-5666 or at “jminick41@gmail.com”

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236

Angola held its' ANNUAL meeting on Tuesday, November 5. Election of officers took place with Glen Rogers reelected as Worshipful Master. Installation of the elected and appointed officers will take place at its' December 3 stated meeting.

ALL OFFICERS FOR 2025 SHOULD WEAR COAT AND TIE AT THE INSTALLATION SO A PICTURE CAN BE TAKEN FOR LOCAL PAPER.



Angola Lodge has been doing several projects to keep the Lodge in its' best condition. Recently the Lodge purchased two new stoves as the old stoves had served their purpose. The Chefs are ready to prepare more delicious meals.

ANGOLA LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 3

Angola will have its' stated meeting on Tuesday, December 3. The Lodge will have Santa Claus attend the Christmas Party for the children (and adults).

It will start with a potluck meal – bring a passing dish and your own plates and utensils - the York Rite will furnish the ham.

Approximate time table for evening.

5:30 to 6:00 Assemble at Lodge

6:00 Meal

6:30 Santa arrives to give your gifts to children.

7:00 Assemble in Lodge room for 50 year presentations (ladies welcome)

7:15 Installation of 2025 Officers (ladies welcome)

7:45 Angola Stated meeting

Ladies and relatives welcome to attend. Bring your children and/or grandchildren – Santa will arrive at 6:30 PM.

If you bring a child, you are to bring a wrapped gift so Santa can give to the child. Pictures are always taken. Any Mason and/or family invited to attend.

Three new 50 year members have been invited to receive their award of gold. The new 50 year members include Charles Nedele, John Stock and George Lenz. If present at the meeting, Past Grand Master, Richard Lentz will recognize the members with their 50 year pin and award plaque.

We will also have Jerry Sonner present to recognize him as a 50 year Past Master. Brother Jerry served as Worshipful Master in 1975, who yours truly recognizes as the Master when raised is October 1975.



HICKSVILLE (OHIO) LODGE #478

**LOCATED AT 114½ EAST HIGH STREET
IN HICKSVILLE OHIO**

2ND FLOOR LODGE ROOM – HAVE CHAIRLIFT

79TH CONSECUTIVE ANNUAL MASTER MASON DEGREE

ON THANKSGIVING MORNING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

COFFEE AND DONUTS WHEN YOU ARRIVE

THE GAVEL STRIKES AT 6:00 AM TO OPEN

MASTER MASON DEGREE FOLLOWS

FOLLOWED BY PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

SUGGESTED DRESS: COAT AND TIE

MASONS INVITED TO ATTEND

IF YOU HAVE NEVER ATTENDED, YOU MUST!!

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.

NORTHEASTERN LODGE #210 MASTER MASON DEGREE

Mark Catellier received his Master Mason degree on Monday, November 18 at Northeastern Lodge #210.



Attending the degree included: (front row l to r) James Steele, Ed Duning, candidate Mark Catellier and Wynn Hensel. Back rows (l to r): Mike Anderson, Tim VanZant, Ken Brost, Jay Minick, Chris Baker, Alan Rossi, Rick Rossi, Chris Sanders, Trent Heidorn, Randy Spoor, **Mike** Meek, Glen Rogers, Rodney Snyder, Paul Friend, Jimmie Milleman and Rick Hayward.

Mark had two special Masonic guests attend. James Steele is from North Carolina, who has been very active in the York Rite in that state, having served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Carolins

Ed Duning is a Lodge member from Fishers Indiana and was associated with Mark in his vocational job.

Both were very pleased to witness the raising of Mark and Mark was very happy to have them take time to witness his degree work.

STAR LODGE #225 (ORLAND)

Star Lodge will have an EA degree on Thursday, December 12 at their Lodge in Orland. The candidate will be Ken Bates.

The degree starts at 7:00 PM. No meal planned that evening.

FOREST LODGE #239 (BUTLER)

Forest Lodge will have their annual Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 14 at their Lodge.

DEKALB LODGE #214 (AUBURN)

DeKalb Lodge #214 will be doing the Past Master degree on Saturday, December 14. Breakfast at 8 AM, with degree following at 9 AM at Masonic Lodge in Auburn. They need some help.

ASHLEY LODGE #614 PLANNING A PAST MASTER DEGREE

The officers of Ashley Lodge will have their elections early in December and are currently planning to complete the necessary Past Master degree for a brother who has not served as Worshipful Master in the past. Plans are underway to set a date and will need to depend on local lodges to assist. More details later.



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

ANGOLA YORK RITE STATED MEETING

The next stated meeting of Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, December 5 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 – so officers be prepared. Election of officers for 2025 will take place along with installation.

ANGOLA YORK RITE 2024 PRESIDING OFFICERS

High Priest of Angola Chapter #58 is Brant Moore.

Illustrious Master of Angola Council #27 is Michael Anderson.

Eminent Commander Angola Commandery #45 is Jay Minick.

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.

NOTE: The Annual Meeting of the Grand Preceptory of Indiana will be held on June 21, 2025 at Hancock Lodge #110 in Greenfield, Indiana.

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 if he needs to send a card.

TRI-STATE FESTIVAL FOR 2025

HOLD THE DATES!!

PUT IN YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!

52nd Consecutive Year for the Festival

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Chapter and Council Degrees in Angola, Indiana

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Commandery Orders in Jackson 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 MEMBERS URGED TO SEEK OUT
PETITIONS NOW!!**

**PLEASE ANNOUNCE IN UPCOMING MEETINGS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW**



**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



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

The next stated/special meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10 at the Shrine building. There will be a meal is at 6:30 PM.

Illustrious J. Brian McNaughton 33 Active will present a talk on “Finding Meaning.” Meeting open to all members.

2025 WINE TASTING/SILENT AUCTION

Keep March 8, 2025 open 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 will be \$45 per person. More details later.



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING

The Pokagon Shrine Club will not have a stated meeting in December 2024. Shriners need to hold January 24, 2025 as the date of the Shrine Circus. We will need several Shriners to ride the buses with the 4th graders on that date.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

Pokagon Shrine Club members and ladies held their holiday party to celebrate its' activities and accomplishments for 1924. It was held at Trine University Club Z on November 2.



Pictured in the front row are Renea, Leo (note Leo wearing a fez) and Aaron Bonifer (our special guests). Christina and Jay Minick, (grandparents of Leo) were also invited guests for the evening. The remaining attendees are Shriners (from left to right): Mike Anderson, Rick Rossi, Gary Hensley, Don Shively, Jeff Stanford (Club President/Treasurer), John Tchinski (Club Secretary/VP), Ed Tutwiler, Mike Votaw, Brooks Targgart (Potentate for Mizpah Shrine for 2025), Eric Bickle, Mark Blue and Paul Friend.



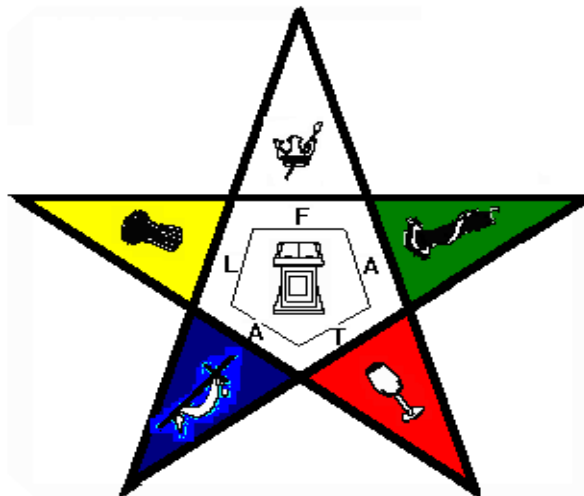
Leo is the son of Aaron and Renea Bonifer. Born with a cleft palate, the parents sought out Shriners Hospital for the medical help needed. The couple has taken Leo to the Shrine hospitals multiple times since birth. Pictured on the left is Leo at a young age, then at 22 months, and one can see the surgeons have made vast improvements. There will be several more visits until all the necessary procedures are done.

Father Aaron held Leo during his talk about what the family has gone through for the past several months. The parents are very appreciative of the Shrine Hospital, surgeons, and staff.





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, who will soon be installed as Potentate of Mizpah Shrine, who served as installing officer.



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

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	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.**