

# NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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EDITION

## MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2026

### Lodge

### Worshipful Master

### Secretary

Angola #236  
Star #225  
Northeastern #210  
Forest #239  
DeKalb #214  
Ashley #614  
Concord #556  
Kendallville #276  
Meridian Sun #76  
Leo #224  
Edon Lodge #474

Mark Blue  
Ray Tracey  
Chris Sanders  
Eric Tracey  
William Ternet  
Scott Barnhart  
Danny Patterson  
James Hess  
Ray Hoover  
Walter Schoonover, Jr.  
Wyatt Zulch

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

Send me your Worshipful Master/Secretary for 2026!

PAY YOUR 2026 DUES TO YOUR LODGE SECRETARY NOW.  
THEY WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPTNESS.

# **ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236**

## **FAMILIES CAN JOIN THE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

### **CHILDREN TO BE GREETED BY SANTA**

Angola's December stated meeting is on Tuesday, December 2. A "family" Christmas meal will be served at 6:00 PM, with Santa arriving around 6:40 PM and the meeting to follow at 7:00 PM. An extra-large Christmas tree and all the decorations will be up. Look at the Lodge windows at night to see this beautiful festive tree with all the colorful lights and snowflakes.

Bring your lady, children, grandchildren, your neighbor or friend with their children etc. All will experience the early arrival of Santa Clause. Santa wants to talk to the children. Bring your camera! It will continue to be a carry in meal (each family to bring a passing dish) with the Angola York Rite furnishing the meat. Santa Clause will pass out gifts for the children - each family to bring a wrapped Christmas gift for their children to put under the tree for Santa to pass out.

## **ANGOLA LODGE STATED MEETING** **DECEMBER 2, 2025** **OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED**

Angola Lodge held its election of officers for 2026 at the November meeting. The installation of the 2026 Officers will take place in the Lodge room during the December 2 meeting. Officers wear coat and tie for a picture for local paper. The regular business meeting for the Lodge will also be conducted.

Master Masons, who joined the Lodge in recent years, should inform current officers if you wish to take an office for 2026. Even those who have been a Mason for several years and now want to take an office, please let Glen Rogers, current Worshipful Master know of your interest.

## **LARRY SAILORS – 50 YEAR MEMBER**



**Larry Sailors was recognized as a 50-year member at the November stated at Angola Lodge #236. He is with his wife Terri and Glen Rogers, Worshipful Master.**

**Larry started his Masonic journey at Orient Lodge #272 in Logansport, later transferring to Angola #236. Larry served as Worshipful Master in 1989 at Angola Lodge.**

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

**Star Lodge #225 in Orland will be conducting a Past Master's degree for a new elected Worshipful Master Drost Morgan. Past Masters are invited to attend and assist in introducing their new Worshipful Master into this prestigious group.**

**When: Tuesday, December 9 at the Lodge in Orland starting at 7:00 PM.**

**No meal.**

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



**Star Lodge #225 Past Master Ben Taylor presented 10 holiday \$100.00 gift certificates to Bunche's Shop Rite Market to Prairie Heights Middle School Josh Troyer, P.H. elementary guidance counselor. The certificates will be given to families in need this holiday season.**

## **ASHLEY LODGE #614 DEGREE WORK**

**Ashley will have a Fellowcraft degree on Thursday, December 4.**

**At Ashley Masonic Lodge.**

**A chili meal is served at 6:00 PM. Degree to follow at 7:00 PM.**

**ORLAND LODGE TO HOST OF THE**  
**DECEMBER 27, 2025 FEAST OF ST. JOHN**

**RESERVATIONS NEEDED BY**  
**DECEMBER 19**

Put December 27, 2025, in your calendar! Star Lodge #225 in Orland, Indiana will be hosting the Feast of Saint Johns. Gathering time will start at 6:00 PM, with the Feast (meal) starting at 6:30 PM. Any Mason, regardless of the location of your membership, is welcome to attend.

This will be a multi-county Feast, with brethren from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio invited to attend. Men only. This is a great time to meet Masons from several Lodges in this corner of the country.

A meal will be catered by Mr. Bratz, who will serve a delicious meal with all the extras. The cost will be \$20.00 per person, and reservations are necessary by December 19. You will pay for your meal that evening. You are requested to give your name to your Lodge secretary who will in turn make the number of reservations to Jimmie Milleman of Orland Lodge at 260-667-7203.

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 Masonic Lodge dining room setting. The evening will include a meal, toasts made to honor the days of old, the current fraternity, the Grand Lodge, the local Masonic Lodges and the leaders of the Craft. It is important to honor the days of old and to today's leaders in Masonry.

The evening will also include the passing of a basket to collect money for a brother in need. Passing on the name of one in need is requested.

Remember to eventually report your attendance to your local Lodge Secretary so adequate food can be prepared.

## **DEKALB LODGE #214/AVILLA LODGE #460**

**MASTER MASON DEGREE:** DeKalb #214 and Avilla #460 will be doing a dual Master Mason degree on Saturday, December 6 at the DeKalb temple in Auburn. Light breakfast at 8am, degree at 9am. Visiting Masons invited.

## **EDON LODGE (OHIO) #474**

Edon Lodge has two candidates who will proceed to their next degree as planned by the officers of the Lodge. Date to be determined.



## **ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS**

### **YORK RITE STATED MEETING**

**The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, December 4. The December meeting will be opened on the Council, with Jay Minick, Illustrious Master presiding.**

**It will be a Table Council, with the meal taking place in the dining room, starting at 6:30 PM. The dining tables will be set up in a triangular form, with officers assigned to certain seats and the Table Council will be conducted by a script which will be given to officers.**

**Angola York Rite will then adjourn to the Lodge room where the election of officers for 2026 will be held. Members interested in becoming an officer should notify Jimmie Milleman, Recorder.**



## Tri-State York Rite Festival 2026 53rd 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 Start seeking petitions !!**

Saturday, February 28, 2026 - Jackson-Coolidge, MI Lodge  
355 Napoleon Road, Michigan Center, MI (Near Jackson, MI)  
Chapter and Council Degrees conferred

Saturday, March 7, 2026 Bryan, OH Lodge  
117 North Lynn Street, Bryan OH  
Commandery Orders conferred

**Degrees start at 9:00 AM each Saturday.**

**Noon meal to be served - Register with your state contact (listed above)**

**Meal cost is \$20.00--- Pay at location---as you register in.**

**Save the dates!! Help pass the word, copy, post and/or distribute the news.**



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

Members of Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2 are the proud organizers of the Tri-State Festival.

## **Tri-State time schedule for work**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2026 IN MICHIGAN CENTER,  
MICHIGAN**

**\*\*\*CAPITULAR\*\*\***

**9:00 a.m. Mark Master Degree  
10:15 a.m. Past Master Degree  
11:00 a.m. Most Excellent Master Degree  
12:00 Noon meal  
12:45 p.m. Royal Arch Degree**

**\*\*\*CRYPTIC\*\*\***

**2:15 p.m. Royal Master Degree  
3:00 p.m. Select Master Degree**

**MARCH 7, 2026 IN BRYAN, OHIO**

**\*\*\*COMMANDERY ORDERS\*\*\***

**9:00 a.m. Order of the Red Cross  
10:15 a.m. Order of Malta  
10:45 a.m. Chamber of Reflection  
10:45 a.m. Yeomen of York Meeting  
11:45 a.m. Noon Meal**

**12:45 p.m. Order of the Temple**

**GRAND OFFICERS IN EACH STATE ENCOURAGED TO  
ATTEND**

**TO WELCOME, OBSERVE, CONGRATULATE,  
PICTURE TAKEN**

**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.**

**ANY MASTER MASON CAN JOIN YORK RITE**

**IF YOU ARE NOT A YORK RITE MEMBER, THIS  
WOULD BE THE TIME TO JOIN – PLEASE INQUIRE**

## **WILLIAM HACKER #63 NEW ROYAL ARCH MASONS**

**Three new candidates (front row) recently completed their Chapter degrees at the Auburn Masonic Lodge. They are now members of William Hacker Chapter #63 located in Auburn.**



## **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**



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

The next Pokagon Shrine Club stated meeting will be on Thursday, December 18, at the Glendarin golf course clubhouse. The evening starts with buying your own meal at 6:15 PM (optional to eat at meeting site), with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

### **MIZPAH SHRINE CIRCUS**

Yes, the circus will be held on Friday, January 23 2026 and plans are already underway to line up the schools to attend, thanks to the organizational skills of Don Shively. Please put the date in your calendar and help escort the 4<sup>th</sup> graders to the circus.

### **HOW TO JOIN MIZPAH SHRINE**

If you wish to join Mizpah Shrine in the future, you would be required to sign a petition with a \$75 initiation fee. Contact Paul Friend, Don Shively or Jeff Stanford for details.

### **POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2026 ARE:**

Jeff Stanford - President/Treasurer  
John Tchinski - Secretary



### **STATED MEETINGS**

**The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite meeting is on Tuesday January 13, 2026, at the Mizpah Shrine building in Ft. Wayne. There will be a meal from 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM, with the meeting to follow.**

**There will be no stated meeting in December.**

**Future stated meetings will be on February 10 and March 10, 2026.**

### **HOW TO JOIN SCOTTISH RITE - FT. WAYNE VALLEY**



**The last membership class (Fall Reunion) was held on Saturday, November 15 at the Mizpah Shrine Center in Ft. Wayne They exemplified the 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees.**

**The degrees of Scottish Rite are given with colorful costumes and a cast of well-versed ritualists.**

**The picture to the left shows the elaborate costumes of the recent November 15 degree day.**

## **HOW TO JOIN SCOTTISH RITE**

**To Join: first fill out a petition and turn it in to Paul Friend, or the Valley Office in Ft. Wayne. Other instructions will follow.**

**The Ft. Wayne Valley has long prided itself on 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 or the Valley office at 260-423-2593.**

**Once you receive your 4<sup>th</sup> degree, which you can receive at any stated meeting (second Tuesdays at Mizpah Shrine Building in Ft. Wayne), you will be able to receive several of the remaining degrees at the convenience of your home computer, which is known as “Thursday Nite at the Rite”. You will receive a code that will allow you to access the following degrees.**

**Mark your calendars! Thursday Night at the Rite returns January 2026! Below are the degrees and dates you can watch.**

### **Degree Schedule:**

- **6°, Master of the Brazen Serpent, January 15**
- **9°, Master of the Temple, January 29**
- **11°, Sublime Master Elected, February 12**
- **15°, Knight of the East, February 26**
- **22°, Prince of Libanus, March 12**
- **29°, Knight of Saint Andrew, March 26**

## **UPCOMING SCOTTISH RITE EVENT**

**WINE TASTING/SILENT AUCTION – MARCH 14, 2026**

**ADVANCED TICKET PURCHASE NECESSARY**



### *SWING INTO SPRING WINE TASTING*

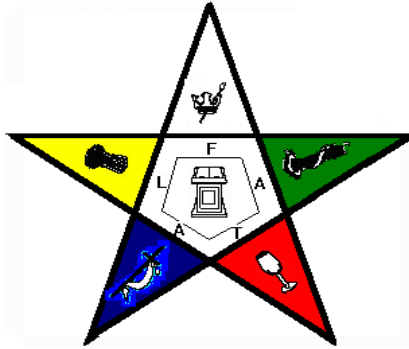
Welcome the season in style with an evening of smooth jazz, vintage charm, silent auctions & vibrant wines and food pairings that capture the spirit of spring.

Saturday, March 14, 2026  
Doors open at 6:00 PM  
Ceruti's Summit Park  
6601 Innovation Boulevard  
Fort Wayne, IN 46818

\$45.00 per ticket  
To purchase tickets, scan the QR Code order online or call 260-423-2593



Dress Code: Spring vintage cocktail attire encouraged – think pastel 1940s!



## **ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

**Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star are divided into districts in Indiana. Northeast Indiana (Steuben, LaGrange, DeKalb and Noble Counties) consists of 4 Chapters, in District 21 includes the following:**

**Ashley Chapter #229 meets at Ashley Masonic Lodge #614. The Secretary is Renee Andrews (260-750-2626). Email: [renee6604@yahoo.com](mailto:renee6604@yahoo.com)  
Meets on the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM. Dark Jan & Feb.**

**Spencerville Chapter #386 meets at Concord Masonic Lodge #556. The Secretary is Becky Hoover (260-452-6743). Email: [hooverbecky@hotmail.com](mailto:hooverbecky@hotmail.com)  
Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Dark Jan & Feb.**

**Sylvan Chapter #251 meets at Meridian Sun Masonic Lodge #76. The Secretary is Trena Bowen (260-367-1658). Email: [sylvan251@gmail.com](mailto:sylvan251@gmail.com)  
Meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. Dark Jan & Feb.**

**Prentiss Chapter #178 meets at Albion Lodge #97. The Secretary is Sheri Auld (260-343-1134). Email: [sheriauld@yahoo.com](mailto:sheriauld@yahoo.com).  
Meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. Dark Jan & Feb.**

**This newsletter will be starting to put information about Eastern Star events/activities each month. The current list of the Records of the four chapters are mentioned above in case a contact person is desired. All Chapters will be receptive to Master Masons and their ladies or relatives, who would be interested in joining.**

**Masonic brothers are eligible to join along with their wives, daughters, widows of Masons, sisters and mothers. Minimum age is 18 years or older.**



## **BLUE LODGE STATED MEETING NIGHTS FOR NORTHEAST INDIANA**

<b>Angola #236</b>	<b>1st Tuesday Dark July/August</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>6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting</b>
<b>Meridian Sun #76 (LaGrange)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Every month</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>

**\*\* Please inform Paul Friend if any of the dates or times listed above for meetings and meals are not correct.**