

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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Let us as Masons have resolutions to improve our Lodges. You should say to yourself, "if it is to be, it is up to me".

PAY YOUR 2024 DUES

MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2024

Lodge

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

Worshipful Master

Mike Anderson
Ray Tracey
Rick Rossi
Eric Tracey
Stacey Roth
Dean Shipe
Blake Myers
Parker Terry
Kevin Brower
Mark W. Reese

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Dave Hardiek
Tim VanZant
Bob Tracey
Shaun Purk
Jim Carper
Jim Rosenbury
Aaron Wade
Lee Ray Owen
David Roose

What an accomplishment!! On Tuesday, Feb 6, Brother Malcom Case will receive his 75 year Mason award. He is a member of Trenton-Wyandotte Lodge in MI, but resides at the Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester, IN. It will be his 104th birthday also. He will be recognized at 2:00 PM that day (400 W Seventh Street, North Manchester, IN) Contact Brother David Barton for more details 260-227-2438

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236 NEWS

ANGOLA LODGE STATED MEETING – February 6

There will be a light meal at 6:15 with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM. The Lodge is moving toward holding the Executive Committee concept for its stated meetings, but first must revise its' bylaws – with discussion and some decisions on how it is to operate at this meeting.

Discussions will be held on how the wordage will be changed.

With the by-laws needing to be changed, if you would like a copy of the current by-laws and some comments on how the bylaws might be changed, please contact Paul Friend for a copy at 260-402-6122. It will be sent to you via e-mail. It is important to have that document in your hands when the changes are discussed at the February stated meeting. You can receive a copy and print it off for your use or put on cell phone to read at meeting – but you need to request a copy.

2nd ANGOLA LODGE SOCIAL NIGHT – FEBRUARY 20

Monthly Social Night!

Date: February 20, 2024

Where: Wings Ect

Time: 6:30-???

Who: Members and Friends



Angola Lodge will be holding its' second monthly social night for its members and guests. Anyone is invited – keep that evening open and join the festive event. Buffalo Wild Wings is located directly east of Aldi's in northern Angola.

Come when you can – leave when you want!

Lodge members and **their guests** are encouraged to join us on February 20th at our social night held at Wings Ect in Angola. Come and enjoy food, adult beverages, friendship and brotherhood. Come when you can, stay as long as you want!

Bring a guest, especially a man who might be interested in Masonry or a friend that can tell a story or two.

There is a wide offering of food and drinks.

ANGOLA LODGE MASON OF THE YEAR



Benton Davis, Worshipful Master of Angola Lodge awarded Mike Anderson as Mason of the Year for 2023.

Congratulations.

BOOKSHELVES REQUESTED FOR ANGOLA LODGE

Nate Fultz, a member of Angola Lodge is donating a large number of books to the Lodge, with the wish that members would be interested in signing them out.



Nates collection is mostly books referencing the World Wars of long past including the wars of the 1900's.

NEEDED: The Lodge needs two more book cases, somewhat like those shown. If you have one you are not using, please contact Nate at 260-243-8660. He will accept a donation.

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

Who said you cannot golf in the cold of winter? Northeastern Lodge has a solution. Please get a team together and join them on February 23. Golfing will take place at the Tilbury indoor academy located north of Angola on State Road 120 (shopping mall). Call Wynn Hensel for more details.

Northeastern Lodge #210 F. & A.M.



2ND ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Call to register!
260-667-1159

all proceeds donated to:

Food Pantry

9 HOLE INDOOR SCRAMBLE
PGA PRO PUTTS
FOR YOU!

Tee Times available:
8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm,
2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm
*6 teams at each time slot

FRIDAY
FEB 23 @



655 W. State Road 120, Suite C27 Fremont, Indiana

\$25 / PERSON (TEAMS OF 4)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FRIDAY FEB 16, 2024

CONCORD LODGE #556 (SPENCERVILLE) NEWS

The Spencerville OES 386 made three local donations that were in The Star newspaper. The donations are from the donut sales from the DeKalb County Fair. The OES does a great job organizing the donut efforts each year. We as Concord Lodge assist and thanks to all Concord members who worked in the 2023 donut stand. All local Concord Lodge members that are physically able to work at the donut stand should plan on working at least one shift at the 2024 Fair. Communications by email will be going out sometime in the summer months to get the schedule made. Concord Lodge officers sure would like all the help we can get to support the OES in this great event. BELOW ARE COPIES FROM THEIR LOCAL NEWS!



CONTRIBUTED

Image of Hope receives donation

The Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star recently made donations to local and area groups that provide food assistance. OES members Becky Hoover and Terri Rosenbury, present a check to Maddy Dangler, horse "Penny" and Image of Hope Ranch Manager Alisha Shanks.



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Serenity House receives donation from Eastern Star

The Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star recently made donations to local and area groups that provide food assistance. OES members Dawn Tilkins, left, and Suzette Rodgers, right, present a check to Serenity House board member Patrick Tyler and Serenity House manager Jessica Lopez.



CONTRIBUTED

Woodburn Christian Children's Home receives donation

The Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star recently made donations to local and area groups that provide food assistance. Woodburn Christian Children's Home board member Joe Hines, left, and Vikki Hines, right, accept a donation from OES member Terri Rosenbury.



Tall Cedars of Lebanon

Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a side degree of Freemasonry. It is open to Master Masons in good standing. Its motto "Fun, Frolic and Fellowship" is indicative of this social group.

The origin of the degree starts back in the mid 1800's. Social groups started in the USA in 1902 in New Jersey. A few years ago there was a chapter in Ft. Wayne, IN and Bryan, OH.

Tall Cedars once was active in northeast Indiana, but faded away. There are several Brethren wanting to recharter the past "Old Fort Forrest No. 194". If interested, you may be part of this recharting group. If started, the meetings would rotate among various Lodges who have members in the group.

Contact Jeff Woodward of Ft. Wayne at fortwayneamd@gmail.com or text Jeff at 260-402-7459 for information.

**Concord Lodge 556
Kitchen & Restroom Remodeling
Began January 2024**



Helpers are welcome! The next work session is on Sunday, February 4 at 1:00 PM. Contact is Jim Rosenbury 586-822-5407. They are remodeling the kitchen, adding on to the men's bathroom and will repaint several areas. Bring your plumb, square, level and paintbrush. Square work and square work only – found somewhere in the York Rite ritual!



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

York Rite Stated Meetings

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be Thursday, February 1, with the opening on the Council, Mike Anderson, Illustrious Master presiding. There will be a meal served at 6:30 PM before the opening at 7:00 PM.

The cast for the Most Excellent Master needs to be prepared to go through the Most Excellent Master degree at this stated meeting. This will be the practice session for doing the degree at the Tri-State Festival in Bryan Ohio on Feb 24.

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 groups

ATTENTION CURRENT MASTER MASONS

YOU CAN RECEIVE YOUR FIRST DEGREE OF YORK RITE AT NO COST TO YOU. YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW YORK RITE DEGREES RELATE TO THE MASTER MASON DEGREE!

Angola York Rite members will be doing the 1st degree of York Rite (Mark Master) at Star Lodge (Orland) on Wednesday, February 14, starting at 7:00 PM (ish). A prerequisite is for you to sign a temporary petition – with no obligation to pay the petition fee and/or continue at this time. **LET US KNOW OF YOUR INTEREST!**



YEOMEN OF YORK
ORGANIZERS OF TRI-STATE FESTIVAL

Yeomen of York new mailing address

The secretary of Angola Yeomen of York is Don Trumbull who manages the Preceptory new mailing address which is: Don Trumbull, Secretary, PO Box 96, Whitmore Lake MI 48189-0096. Don can also be reached at: 734-775-4045. His email is: trumbulldonald@gmail.com.

THE FESTIVAL IS APPROACHING
PETITIONS ARE DUE TO YOUR LOCAL YORK
RITE – NOW!!



Tri-State York Rite Festival 2024 51st 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 734-775-4045 trumbulldonald@gmail.com

Saturday, February 24, 2024 Bryan Ohio Lodge
Saturday, March 2, 2024 - Angola Indiana Lodge

Candidates welcome from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan

Degrees to start at 9:00 AM each Saturday.

Coffee and donuts will welcome your arrival.

Pay for your meal when you arrive.

**ANY CURRENT YORK RITE MEMBER
INVITED (MEAL RESERVATION NEEDED
IN ADVANCE)**

NOTIFY STATE CONTACT LISTED ABOVE

TRI-STATE FESTIVAL INFORMATION CONTINUED:

Notes:

**Candidates and Members MUST send meal reservation numbers to State Contact
Noon meal to be paid upon arrival**

**All candidates must be voted on and approved prior to Festival at local York Rite
Grand Officers invited to attend for observation/participation/welcome candidates**

TIMETABLE AND CASTING OF 2024 TRI-STATE FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 24, 2024 – BRYAN, OH

8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration and coffee

9:00 AM Mark Master – Angola Chapter #58 (IN)

10:15 AM Past Master – Bryan Chapter #45 (OH)

11:00 AM Most Excellent Master – Angola Chapter #58 (IN)

12:00 Noon Lunch

12:45 PM Royal Arch – Grand Chapter of Michigan (MI)

2:25 PM Royal Master – Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite (IN)

3:00 PM Select Master – Bryan Council #101 (OH)

Saturday, March 2, 2024 – ANGOLA, IN

8:00- 9:00 AM Registration and Coffee

9:00 AM Order of the Red Cross – Tri-State Cast (IN, OH, MI)

10:15 AM Order of Malta – Short Form - Ft Wayne Commandery #4 (IN)

10:45 AM Chamber of Reflection (IN)

10:45 AM Yeomen of York Stated Meeting (3 State)

11:15 AM Lunch

12:15 PM Order of the Temple – Indiana Grand Commandery (IN)

YORK RITE IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, February 10 10:00 AM
Grand Commandery Battalion Meeting – NORTH
Indiana Templar Academy
Battalion 2 – Angola, Apollo, Ft. Wayne, Huntington
Warsaw Lodge, Warsaw Indiana

Saturday, February 17 11:00 AM
Council Instructional – NORTH
Arch 2 – Angola, Huntington, DeKalb, Ft. Wayne

Saturday, March 16 All day
Grand Masters one day all Lodge degrees
Ft. Wayne – Mizpah Shrine building

April 5, 6, and 7 Nashville, IN
Grand Chapter Convocation

April 21 and 22 Indianapolis Marriott
Grand Council Assembly

April 26 and 27 Muncie
Grand Commandery Conclave

May 21 Indianapolis
Grand Lodge Annual Communication



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETINGS

The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite stated meeting is on Tuesday February 13, 2024 at Mizpah Shrine building in Ft. Wayne.

The following stated meeting is on Tuesday, March 12.

THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE RITE BEGINS IN FEBRUARY 1, 2024

The Ft. Wayne Valley of Scottish Rite will be part a program that affords members to observe the Scottish Rite degrees in the convenience of your home or as a group at a central location. It will begin on Thursday February 1 and run through Thursday, April 25, 2024, with specific degrees scheduled on specific dates.

The following gives the dates, times and degrees offered:

**Thursday February 1: 4th – Builder at 7:30 PM and
8th – Intendant of the Building at 8:00 PM**

**Thursday, February 15: 4th – Builder at 7:30 PM and
18th – Knight of the Rose Croix**

**Thursday, February 29: 4th – Builder at 7:30 PM and
10th – Master Elect at 8:00 PM**

**Thursday, March 14: 4th – Builder at 7:30 PM and
16th – Prince of Jerusalem at 8:00 PM**

**Thursday, March 28: 4th Builder at 7:30 PM and
13th – Master of the Ninth Arch at 8:00 PM**

**Thursday, April 11: 4th Builder at 7:30 PM and
20th – Master Ad Vitam at 8:00 PM**

**Thursday, April 25: 4th Builder at 7:30 PM and
19th – Brothers of the Trail**

Each evening starts with the 4th degree. To participate, one needs to be a Scottish Rite member and sign up with the Valley Office. This is an opportunity for those who desire to receive all Scottish Rite degrees and add to your completion of your Passport. Once a Scottish Rite members has seen all degrees from 4th thur 32nd, will receive special recognition. This is a good goal for all member to receive.

Ft. Wayne Valley is scheduled to present the 13th degree on March 28th at Mizpah Shrine building (group setting). More details will follow.

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, 2024**

The NURSING SCHOLARSHIP is available with the following qualifications:

- 1) Student enrolled in a nursing program.**
- 2) Graduate of a High School in Ft. Wayne Scottish Valley County**
- 3) Demonstrate need.**
- 4) Family does not need to be connected to family member in Masonry.**
- 5) Application due March 1, 2024.**

22nd Annual

Fort Wayne Scottish Rite
Wine Tasting
Live & Silent Auction



Saturday, March 16, 2024, 6:00 pm

Ceruti's Summit Park—Diamond Room

6601 Innovation Boulevard

Fort Wayne, IN 46818

**Join us as we sample
wine and food pairings.**



\$45.00 per ticket

Purchase online at

AASR-FTWAYNE.ORG

or call 260-423-2593.

**Come and join us and
find your pot of gold!**



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING

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

****NOTE THE POKAGON SHRINE CLUB WILL NOW MEET ON THE THIRD THURSDAY. MIZPAH SHRINE HAS CHANGED ITS STATED MEETING NIGHT TO THE THIRD WEDNESDAY (WHICH HAS BEEN THE STATED MEETING NIGHT FOR THE POKAGON SHRINE CLUB) – THUS OUR LOCAL CLUB HAS CHANGED ITS STATED MEETING NIGHT TO THE THIRD THURSDAY.****

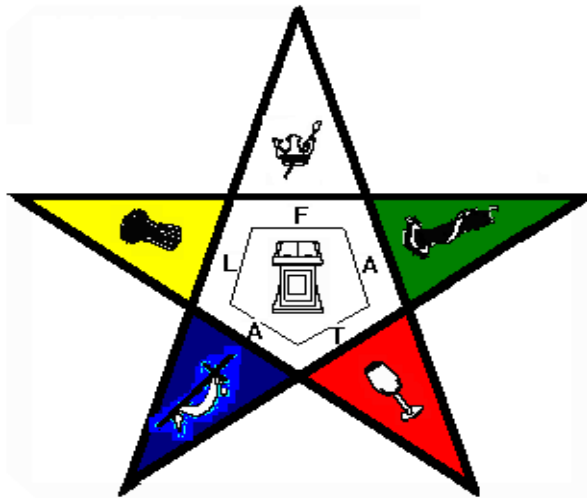
POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2024 ARE:

Jeff Stanford - President/Treasurer
John Tchinski - Secretary

MIZPAH SHRINE CIRCUS – LOT OF HAPPY CHILDREN

Around 400 4th grade students from Steuben County, accompanied by several adults, attended the Mizpah Shrine Circus last Friday at the Ft. Wayne Memorial Coliseum. GREAT SHOW!! Our thanks go to Don Shively for organizing the day!





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 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.**