

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2026

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Worshipful Master</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Angola #236	Mark Blue	Jay Minick
Star #225	Drost Morgan	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	Chris Prentice	Aaron Wade
Meridian Sun #76	Andrew Marshall	Lee Ray Owen
Leo #224	Walter Schoonover, Jr.	David Roose
Edon Lodge #474	Shane Zulch	Kyle Long

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SCOTTISH RITE NEWSLETTER, WHICH SHOULD APPLY TO ALL ASPECTS OF MASONRY: "THE FT WAYNE VALLEY HAS LONG PRIDED ITSELF ON BEING A VERY SPECIAL PLACE AS WE BUILD UPON OUR MASONIC FRIENDSHIPS AND ENJOY OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER AS FREEMASONS. WE STAND TOGETHER IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD AND STRIVE TO FULFILL OUR MASONIC OBLIGATION TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER THROUGH THE TENANTS OF BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF AND TRUTH."

DOES THE ABOVE APPLY TO YOU IN YOUR BROTHERLY RELATIONSHIPS?

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236

ANGOLA LODGE STATED MEETING **FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

Angola Lodge #236 will hold its' next stated meeting on Tuesday, February 3. Light meal at 6:15 PM with meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

ANGOLA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION WITH LAGRANGE

Angola members (especially current officers) are to attend the Tuesday, March 17 instructional, which is a joint session with Meridian Sun Lodge #76 in LaGrange. The usual dress is coat and tie.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana will have a representative present to observe tactics given in opening and closing and will present information to keep members knowledgeable of the operations of Lodge meetings.

The time schedule is: Secretary/Treasurer meet at 6:00 PM; Meal at 6:15 PM; Lodge meeting at 7:00 PM.

ANGOLA LODGE #236 SOCIAL NIGHTS

Angola Lodge will continue its' social night on Wednesday, February 11 at the Venue, located $\frac{1}{2}$ block west of the downtown mound, starting at 6:00 PM.

On Wednesday, March 11 it will be held at Four Corners on Lake James, also starting at 6:00 PM.

One of the purposes is for current Masons to ask a potential Mason to attend, so he can get acquainted with Masons and to ask questions he has for us.

Don't depend on the other Mason to ask someone to attend - - it is important for YOU to invite someone to attend.

Among other reasons is for current Masons to learn about others in the brotherhood as occupation, hobbies, favorite sports teams, and catch up on ice fishing stories, etc. etc. Did you hear about the.....

**STAR LODGE #225 HOSTED THE
DECEMBER 27, 2025 FEAST OF ST. JOHN**



**Jimmie Milleman, PM of Star Lodge presents a check of \$520
to an Indiana Masonic Home Representative. Money was
collected at the Feast of St. John event December 27.**

Over 30 Masons attended the Feast of St. John at Star Lodge #225 in Orland. Masons from over 12 Lodges attended including: Star #225; Angola #236; Northeastern #210; Forest #239; DeKalb 214; Ashley #614; Concord #556; Columbia City #189; Roanoke #195; Warsaw # 73; Colon MI #73; and Mendon MI #137. Host Star Lodge #225 organized the event, including the opening and closing, organized a great meal and hosting the many visiting brethren.

NORTHEASTERN LODGE #210

Yes, you can play golf on the coldest day of the year. Pick up a team of 4 players as described on the entry form. The proceeds go to a worthy cause for the community.

Northeastern Lodge
#210 F. & A.M.



4TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Call to register!
260-667-1159

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

all proceeds
donated to:
FYCO
Fremont Youth and Community Outreach
Food Pantry

**FRIDAY
FEB 20 @**

TILBURY
Golf Academy

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

\$25 / PERSON (TEAMS OF 4)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FRIDAY FEB 13, 2026

4th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT – February 20, 2026

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

9 HOLE INDOOR EVENT

- Playable in 2 hours

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE

- Pick your own team

36 TEAMS TOTAL

- Pick your play time for your team.

<input type="checkbox"/> 8am	<input type="checkbox"/> 10am	<input type="checkbox"/> 12pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 2pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 4pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 6pm

LOCATION:



655 West St. Rd 120 Suite C27

Fremont, Indiana 46737

260-667-1159

tilburypga@gmail.com

All proceeds donated to:



FOOD
PANTRY

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Check box next to sponsorship level:

Tee Marker Sponsorship – \$50

Corporate Sponsorship – \$300

Your logo on sponsorship video screen for the entire tournament (includes 1 – four player team)

Bay Sponsorship – \$400

All Corporate Sponsorship perks + your logo on the big screens in the bay(s)

Additional donation to FYCO

Food Pantry – \$ _____

Sponsor information:

Company Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

TOTAL DUE: _____

CHECKS PAYABLE: NORTHEASTERN #210 F.&A.M.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

PLAYER FEE: \$25/PERSON

(\$100/TEAM OF 4)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Sponsored by: Northeastern #210 F. & A. M.
505 East Toledo Street, Fremont, Indiana 46737

**COFFEE GET TOGETHER TO CONTINUE EACH MONDAY
MORNING AGAIN**

Any local Mason is invited to meet with other Masons to catch up on “whatever” you want to discuss. It takes place at the Northeastern Lodge #210 reception room in Fremont. The Lodge is located immediately east of the 4-way stop lights in the center of Fremont. You are welcome to attend.

DEKALB LODGE #214 (AUBURN)

Chris Prentice, Past Master of Auburn Lodge #214, is planning upcoming events with the Ft Wayne DeMolay. They are starting a new club in Auburn and would like to get the word out to the area. Those interested can contact Chris.

Chris is going to be opening DeKalb Lodge #214 on March 26, for the Thursday Night at the Rite (Scottish Rite degree to be shown). This is open to all Master Masons who would like to begin their Scottish Rite journey. The fee is \$150. Dinner is at 6pm. Degree work at 7pm.

MERIDIAN SUN LODGE #76 (LAGRANGE)

Meridian Sun #76 to host Lodge of Instruction with Angola #236

The Tuesday, March 17 Lodge instructional which will be held at Meridian Sun Lodge #76 in LaGrange.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana will have a representative present to observe tactics given in opening and closing and will present information to keep members knowledgeable of the operations of Lodge meetings.

The time schedule is: Secretaries and Treasurers meet at 6:00 PM; Meal at 6:15 PM; Lodge meeting at 7:00 PM.



Meridian Sun #76 officers for 2026 pose for a picture: FRONT ROW: Richard Muntz, Senior Deacon; Kevin Brower, Junior Warden; Andrew Marshall, Worshipful Master; Bill Stewart, Junior Deacon; Lee Owen Jr., Secretary

BACK ROW: Nate Plew-Senior Warden; Ray Hoover -Treasurer; David Christman, Senior Steward.



Presentation of a 50 year Past Master award to Brother Dick Bruce. Dick was Worshipful Master in 1972. The officers went to his home to present this honor. Pictured in front row is WM Andy Marshall with brother Dick. Standing in back is Lee Owen, Jr., Secretary, Jerry Glenn and Richard Muntz.

Brother Dick Bruce also was Master for Meridian Sun #76 in 2009.

LEO LODGE #224

Leo Lodge #224 has planned an Entered Apprentice degree on February 12.



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

YORK RITE STATED MEETING

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, February 5. It will be opened on the Chapter, with Brant Moore, High Priest presiding.

GRAND COUNCIL YORK RITE COUNCIL INSPECTION

Five members of Angola Council #27 attended the Council Instructional on January 17 in Anderson. Attending were: Mike Anderson, Benton Davis, James Davis, Glen Rogers and Jimmie Milleman.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Angola York Rite will be sending Pastor Rich Warren of Restoration Ministries, located at 9030 W. US 20, Angola Indiana, to the Holy Land. The trip is to take place this February. Upon his return he will make a presentation to York Rite.



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

**MASTER MASONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO
JOIN – FILL OUT A PETITION WITH
YOUR LOCAL YORK RITE BODY**

York Rite members should be seeking petitions

The location of the two weekends are as follows:

Saturday, February 28 Angola IN Lodge

35 S. Public Square, Angola, IN

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 i

Tri-State time schedule and casting

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FEBRUARY 28, 2026 IN ANGOLA, INDIANA

******CAPITULAR******

9:00 a.m. Mark Master Degree - Indiana Chapters

10:15 a.m. Past Master Degree - Ohio Chapters

11:00 a.m. Most Excellent Master Degree - Indiana Chapters

12:00 Noon meal

12:45 p.m. Royal Arch Degree - Grand Chapter of Indiana

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2:15 p.m. Royal Master Degree - Ft. Wayne 33rds

3:00 p.m. Select Master Degree - Combined Ohio Councils

MARCH 7, 2026 IN BRYAN, OHIO

******COMMANDERY ORDERS******

9:00 a.m. Order of the Red Cross - Combination of States

10:15 a.m. Order of Malta - Bill Pond, Ft. Wayne Commandery

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 - Bryan Commandery #74

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

ANY MASTER MASON CAN JOIN YORK RITE –
PETITION YOUR LOCAL YORK RITE

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

2026 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



POKAGAN SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

The next Pokagon Shrine Club stated meeting will be on Thursday, February 19, 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

Unfortunately, the circus which was to be held on Friday, January 23, 2026, had to be cancelled this year because of the weather. Hopefully those children who missed the circus, will be able to go in 2027.

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.

POKAGAN 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 February 10, 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.

The following months stated meeting will be on March 10, 2026.

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 fee to join is \$150.

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 4th 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 starts continues of February 12 and 26! Below are the degrees and dates you can watch.

Degree Schedule:

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**

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SCOTTISH RITE ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for this scholarship can now be submitted to the Scottish Rite Office, located at Stoney Creek in Ft. Wayne. Deadline for applying is May 1, 2026. Applications are available online. Open for students who will be attending universities in the fall of 2026.

WINE TASTING/SILENT AUCTION – MARCH 14, 2026
ADVANCE 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

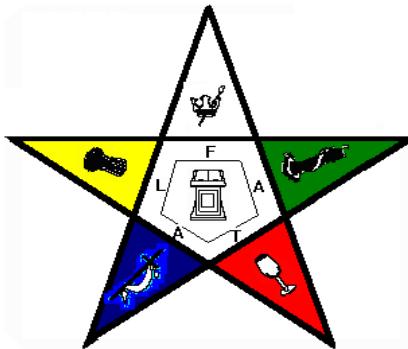
To purchase tickets, scan the QR Code order online or



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: reneee6604@yahoo.com
Meets on the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM. Dark Jan & Feb.

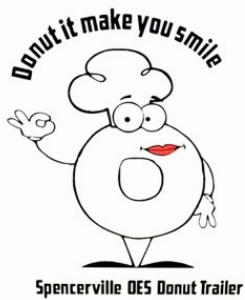
Spencerville Chapter #386 meets at Concord Masonic Lodge #556. The Secretary is Becky Hoover (260-452-6743). Email: hooverbecky@hotmail.com
Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Dark Jan & Feb.

Sylvan Chapter #251 meets at Meridian Sun Masonic Lodge #76. The Secretary is Trenia Bowen (260-367-1658). Email: 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.
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 Recorders 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.



Spencerville DES Donut Trailer



Spencerville Eastern

Star Donut Trailer Presents

“Old Fashioned Donut Stacking Contest”

2025 School and Police Department Winners

DeKalb Eastern Schools

1 st . Butler Elementary	\$ 900
2 nd .Riverdale Elementary	\$ 800
3 rd .Hamilton School	\$750
4 th . Eastside High School.	\$750
5 th .Little Joes Preschool	\$300
6 th . Colburn Corners Preschool	\$300



Garrett, Lakewood Park , St. Charles Schools

1 st . J.E. Ober Elementary	\$1000
2 nd . Lakewood Park School.	\$ 900
3 rd . Garrett Sr High School	\$ 800
4 th .St. Joseph Catholic School	\$ 700
5 th Garrett Headstart	\$ 400



DeKalb Central Schools

1 st	J.R. Watson Elementary(Photo Right)	\$ 900
2 nd	McKinney-Harrison Elementary.	\$ 800
3 rd	Waterloo Elementary	\$ 700
4 th	County Meadows	\$ 600
5 th	DeKalb Middle School	\$ 500
6 th	DeKalb High School	\$ 400



Police Departments

1 ^s	DeKalb County Police Dept.	\$ 400
2 nd	Auburn City Police Dept	\$ 200
3 rd . .	(Garrett Police Dept.	\$ 100
4 th . .	Butler Police Dept	\$ 100
5 th . .	Indiana State Police Dept.	\$ 100
6 th	Indiana DNR Dept	\$ 100



(3) Master Trooper Bailey Scholarships

\$1500.00

Total Funds Awarded in 2025

\$14,200

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 Every month	6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting
Kendallville #276	1st Monday	6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting
Leo #224	1st Thursday (Except July/Aug)	6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting

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