

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”.

As you look at your paperwork on your desk, make sure you don't have your dues notice, which has not been paid!

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

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

Secretary

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

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236 NEWS

ANGOLA LODGE STATED MEETING – January 2

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.

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 is important to have that document in your hands when the changes are discussed at the January stated meeting. You can receive a copy and print it off for your use – but you need to request a copy.

ANGOLA LODGE SOCIAL NIGHT – JANUARY 16

Monthly Social Night!
Date: January 16, 2024
Where: Buffalo Wild Wings
Time: 6:30-???
Who: Members and Friends



Lodge members and their guests are encouraged to join us on January 16th at our social night held at Buffalo Wild Wings in Angola. Come and enjoy food, adult beverages, friendship and brotherhood. Come when you can, stay as long as you want!



**BUFFALO
WILD
WINGS**

Angola Lodge is starting a monthly social night for its members. 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!

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.

St. John Festive Board Hosted by Angola Lodge #236



50 brethren from 13 different Lodges attended the December 27 event at Angola Masonic Lodge, including: Angola #236; Concord #556; Forest #239; Edon Ohio #474; Northeastern #210; Star #225; Hicksville Ohio #478; Leo #224; Ashley #614; Columbia City 190; Converse #601; Warsaw #73 and Wayne #25. What a crowd! Chef Benton Davis fixed prime rib, beans, potatoes and Angola members furnished a variety of desserts.



Brother Steven Bates (pictured above), Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, presented the evenings talk, which was very enjoyable. Also present was Richard Lentz, Past Grand Master. Michael Anderson, Angola Worshipful Master, MC'd the evening's program.

Angola York Rite presented the United States Flag, with the flag lecture given by Jim Milleman, Past Master of Star Lodge and Past Commander of Angola Commandery # 45. The flag corps included: Glen Rogers, Brant Moore, Dan Ernsberger, Ian Mountfield and Paul Friend.



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. Call Wynn Hensel for more details.

Northeastern Lodge #210 F. & A.M.

 **CHARITY GOLF**
TOURNAMENT

Call to register!
260-667-1159

all proceeds
donated to:


Fremont Youth and Community Outreach
Food Pantry

9 HOLE INDOOR
SCRAMBLE
PGA PRO PUTTS!

FRIDAY
MAR 3 @ 

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

\$25 / PERSON (TEAMS OF 4)
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY FEB 24

CONCORD LODGE #556 (SPENCERVILLE) NEWS



Concord Lodge #556 recently gave the Past Master degree to now Worshipful Master Blake Myers (front row center – covered). He can now officially preside over Concord Lodge at its meetings. Several Past Masters were present to conduct the degree. Saturday, January 6 will be Lodge officer installation at 10:00 AM, preceded by a breakfast at 9:00 AM

DeKalb County Veterans Court

A Beacon of Hope & Support for Veterans in Need

The DeKalb County Veterans Court offers a lifeline to veterans facing challenges in their lives. The court understands that many veterans in trouble with the law suffer from invisible wounds of war, such as PTSD, TBI, and substance abuse. Instead of traditional punishment, the court provides a comprehensive program of treatment and rehabilitation tailored to veterans' individual needs. The court emphasizes restorative justice, focusing on repairing the harm caused by crime and fostering a sense of healing and accountability.

The Honorable Judge and Brother Kurt Grimm had the idea to start The DeKalb County Veterans Court in 2018. Since then, the Veterans Court has been a huge success since its inception. The court's success is due to the strong network of community support, including local businesses, organizations, and individuals dedicated to helping veterans.

Concord Masonic Lodge #556 and Spencerville Chapter #386 of the Order of the Eastern Star have been supportive of the Veterans Court from DAY ONE! Both organizations believe in supporting Veterans who have served our great country. Every Veteran that graduates from the court has a ceremony in which Concord Lodge and Spencerville OES provide a cake and refreshments. Both organizations have made donations to The DeKalb County Veterans Court.

The next Veterans Court date is not known now. When held it will be on the third floor of the DeKalb County Court House in Auburn. The Court is open to the public (no cell phones allowed in the Court) and you can observe how Judge Grimm questions the veterans and to see how they are progressing and encourages them to graduate and thus the charge they have on their record will be dropped.

Concord Lodge Community Project is Unique

Donuts and More Donuts!! Did you know that the Spencerville OES has a donut stacking contest at the DeKalb County Fair? The contest pairs local school children with police officers to compete in a donut stacking contest. Funds raised from the contest are donated to school libraries and the Shop with a Cop program. This year, the Spencerville Eastern Star awarded \$5,500 to school libraries and the Shop with a Cop program. Additionally, two \$500 scholarships were presented in honor of Master Trooper James Bailey. The Spencerville Eastern Star Donut stand will celebrate its 75th anniversary at the DeKalb County Fair in 2024. To promote literacy, local schools, and police departments, the Spencerville Eastern Star started an Old Fashion Donut Stacking Contest at the fair. The Spencerville Eastern Star its grateful for the support of local businesses and organizations and looks forward to continuing this fun Old Fashion Donut Stacking Contest for years to come.



KENDALLVILLE LODGE #276

Kendallville Lodge will have its' next stated meeting on Monday, January 8, which will include installation of its' 2024 Officers.

They also have an EA degree on Mon., January 15 at 7 PM. (degree only).



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”. A meeting has been set for Wednesday January 17 at the Ft. Wayne Lodge building (to be held after the Ft. Wayne York Rite meeting), to discuss rechartering. 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.



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

York Rite Stated Meetings

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be Thursday, January 4, with the opening on the Chapter. There will be a meal served at 6:15 PM before the opening at 7:00 PM.

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



YEOMEN OF YORK INIGNIA

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.

YEOMEN OF YORK – ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2

The Angola Yeomen of York was chartered on November 20, 1994 as the second Preceptory in Indiana, by 5 Charter members: Paul Friend, Bill Meyers, John Myers, Henry LaHurreau and Dwight Lanman. Currently there are 16 Preceptories. Merrillville #1, was formed in 1986, the area from which there were traveling York Rite members who helped Lodges with any Masonic Degree. Since the members were from a number of Masonic Lodges and York Rite bodies, they decided to form a group which were known to be “Workers in the Masonic Vineyard.” Yeomen was the name selected since the definition of Yeomen is a “servant” of the people.

In 1974, the York Rite from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio started to work together to hold the York Rite degrees as a Tri-State Festival. Thus the name of the Tri-State Festival, The early pioneers of the Tri-State Festival are now looking to us from above and I hope they are pleased with the continuation of the Festival.

With Angola Preceptory #2 organized in 1974 with membership from all three states, this was the natural Masonic York Rite body to be “IN CHARGE” of the festival. Welcome now to the 51st year version.

READ ON FOR THE PLANS FOR THE NEXT TRI-STATE FESTIVAL

**THE FESTIVAL IS APPROACHING
PETITIONS ARE DUE TO YOUR LOCAL YORK
RITE**



**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**

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

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| 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 – ?? Cast group still pending ?? (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

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| 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) |



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETINGS

The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite stated meeting is on Tuesday January 9, 2024 at Mizpah Shrine building in Ft. Wayne, with a meal at 6:15 PM and meeting to follow.

The following stated meeting is on Tuesday, February 13.

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 member has seen all degrees from 4th thru 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, January 18.

****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 APPROACHES

The Pokagon Shrine Club which consists of Mizpah Shrine members living in Steuben County (a unit of Mizpah Shrine of Ft. Wayne) will be part of the local grade school students to attend the Shrine Circus on Friday, January 26. Last year Angola, Hamilton and Fremont 4th graders were unable to attend due to school delays. If space is available, both 4th and 5th graders from those schools will be able to attend. Prairie Heights was able to attend last year, so only their 4th graders will attend.

The circus will have one less circus show day in 2024, so there may not be room for all potential school students to attend. The Shrine is still working on facilitating all potential students in northeast Indiana. More details later. If you are a local Shrine member, keep January 26 open for potentially assisting.

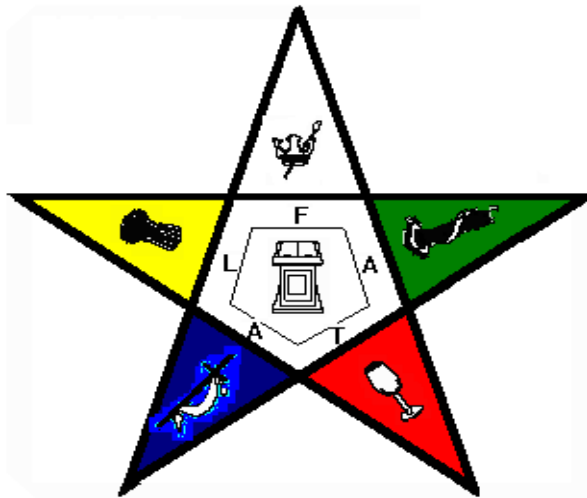
MIZPAH SHRINE CIRCUS TICKETS

Shrine members probably received a set of coupon books in the mail recently. If you turn those into the Angola Moose OR Croxton and Roe Insurance, they can be used to benefit the costs for children going to the circus from Steuben County. Don Shively will gather them up from these two businesses in the near future and process them. Thanks.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB PRINCESS PONTOON NO LONGER EXISTS FOR PARADES

It is with regrets to inform local Shrine members that with little participation in Mizpah Shrine parades the last few years, it will be necessary to discontinue the pontoon in parades.

If any member knows of another way our local Shriners can make ourselves known in our community, please express how that can be done. Perhaps we need to kick off a community project or assist a local group that needs assistance. Please attend a future meeting with your ideas.



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

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| 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.**