

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS – 2024 or 2025

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Worshipful Master</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Angola #236	Glen Rogers	Jay Minick
Star #225	Ray Tracey	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	Blake Myers	Jim Rosenbury
Kendallville #276	James Hess	Aaron Wade
Meridian Sun #76	Ray Hoover	Lee Ray Owen
Leo #224	Mark W. Reese	David Roose

Pay your 2025 dues in a timely manner.

PLEASE SEND ME NAMES OF WM AND SEC FOR 2025 IF THE ABOVE IS NOT CORRECT.

MASONIC LODGE NEWS – ALL MASONS INVITED!

ANGOLA #236/MERIDIAN SUN #76 LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

Angola Lodge #236 and Meridian Sun Lodge #76 (LaGrange) will hold a joint Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at Angola Lodge starting at 7:00 PM. David Fidler II, Grand Lodge Ritual Instructor will be presiding.

A Lodge of Instruction is held to teach Lodge officers and cast members of degrees on the correct procedures to follow in presenting the three Lodge degrees. There is certain protocol to follow in presenting the degrees to candidates and this gives the Grand Lodge an opportunity to show the correct tactics. Sometimes personal opinion of members on the correct procedure can be interpreted incorrectly and the Grand Lodge Instructor can instruct on the official procedures to follow.

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236



Glen Rogers was installed as Worshipful Master of Angola Masonic Lodge #236 Free and Accepted Masons for 2025.

Officers for 2025 include: (Front l to r): Benton Davis, Junior Warden; Mark Blue, Senior Warden; Glen Rogers, Worshipful Master; Brant Moore, Treasurer; A. J. Hocker, Chaplain; and Ian Mountfield, Tyler. (Back l to r): Jay Minick, Secretary; Matt Wignall, Senior Deacon; Nate Fultz, Senior Steward; James Davis, Junior Deacon; and Mike Anderson, Junior Steward.

Installing officers were Richard Lentz, Past Grand Master; Steve Bates, Junior Grand Warden and David Fidler II, Grand Lodge Ritual Instructor.

ANGOLA LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 3

A large crowd of Masons, spouses and children attended the December 3. Santa surprised the children and each child received an early gift.



ANGOLA LODGE RECOGNIZES JERRY SONNER

The Grand Lodge of Indiana recognized Jerry Sonner (front center), Past Master of Angola Masonic Lodge #236. Jerry, who resides in rural Angola served as Worshipful Master of Angola Lodge #236 in 1975. The Grand Lodge recognizes those who served in that capacity and maintain their membership for another 50 years.

Sonner joined Angola Lodge in 1963 and served actively for several years before becoming Worshipful Master in 1975. Below is the large crowd of Masons to observe his honor.



A close-up picture shows officers making the presentation: (l to r): David Fidler II, Grand Lodge Ritual Instructor; Mike Anderson, Angola Worshipful Master; Richard Lentz, Past Grand Master of Masons in Indiana; Jerry Sonner; and Steve Bates, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. The presentation was given at the Angola Masonic Lodge meeting room.

“FOUNDERS DAY” WATCH PARTY
HOSTED BY CONCORD LODGE #556

Most local Lodges in the past have had their officers or representatives travel to Indianapolis for “FOUNDERS DAY” activities. Why travel over 300+ miles to

Indianapolis, when you can go to Concord Lodge (Spencerville) to watch it by live streaming.

The date of the Founders Day is Saturday, January 11. The live-streaming will be from 9:00 AM until noon.

The day is also filled with other activity. A lunch and social time will be from noon to 2 PM. Concord will install their officers from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. Any person may attend.

Contact Jim Rosenbury, Concord Secretary at 587-822-5407 so they can plan for a noon meal and to know how many will be attending.

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.

NO COFFEE GATHERING MONDAY DECEMBER 30 – NEXT JANUARY 6, 2025

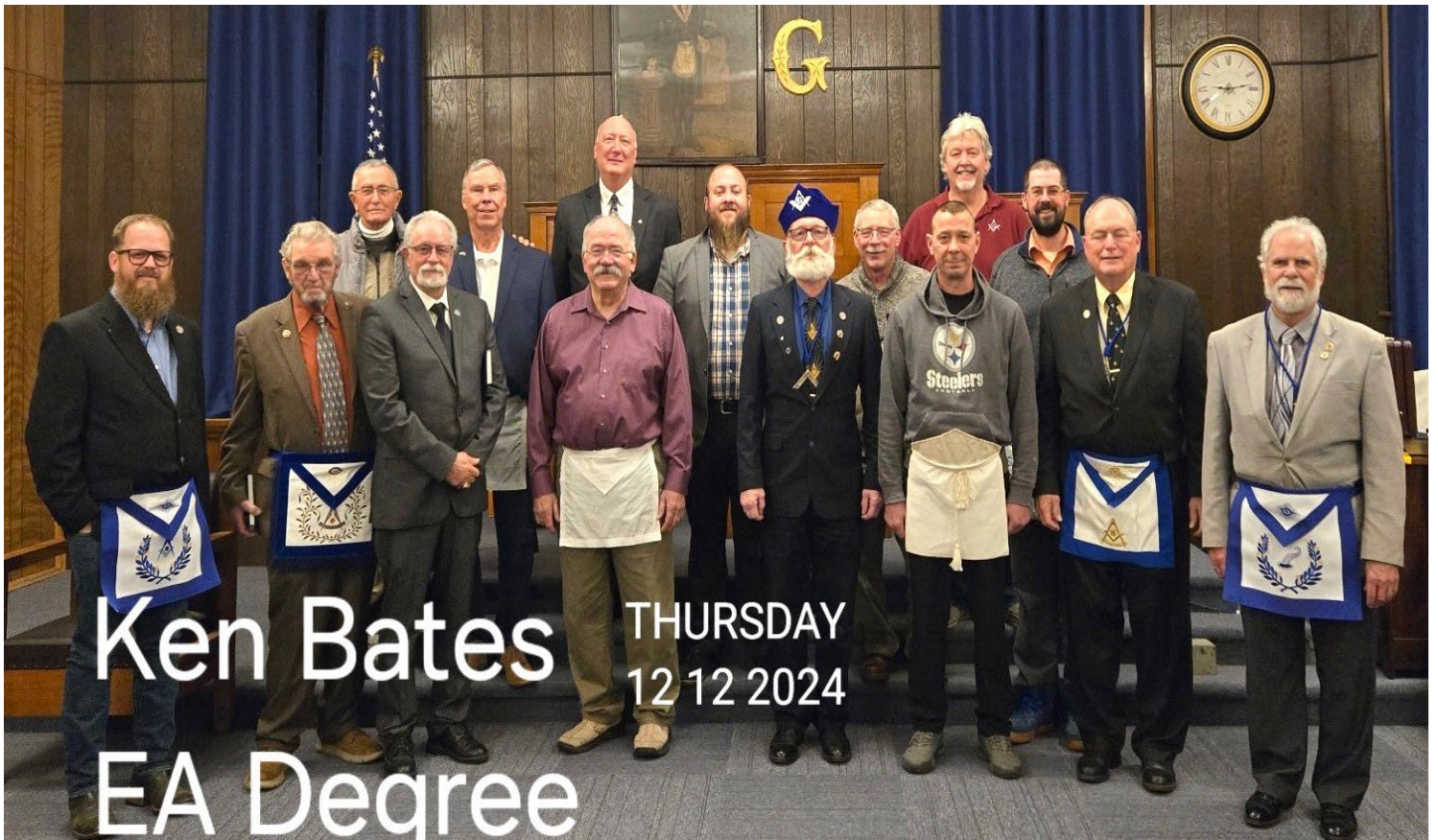
3RD ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Northeastern Lodge has planned their next tournament at Tilbury Golf Academy, located at the old Outlet Mall (655 W. State Road 120, Suite C27, Fremont, IN). They have had two years of a successful charity tournament to benefit the Food Pantry, an segment of the Fremont Youth and Community Outreach.

They are organizing teams of 4 people, each to pay \$25 per entry. Call to register at 260-667-1159. Tee times available from 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM and 6 PM. There will be 6 teams assigned per time slot. Call in early to get your preferred time. Registration deadline is February 14, 2025.

Contact person for questions is Wynn Hensel, Past Master of Northeastern Lodge.

STAR LODGE #225 (ORLAND)



Star Lodge had an EA degree on Thursday, December 12 at their Lodge in Orland. The candidate was Ken Bates. Masons from Angola #236 and Northeastern #210 assisted Orland Lodge. Brother Bates is in the front row, third from right.

STAR LODGE #225 (ORLAND) - continued

Star Lodge will be planning the FC degree for Ken Bates at a date and time to be determined. When planned, a notification will be sent.

CONCORD LODGE #556 (Spencerville)

Concord Lodge #556 and Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star will be hosting a graduating party for the DeKalb County Veterans Court on Thursday, January 16, at the Court room in the DeKalb County Court House. Court starts at 2:00 PM, followed by a reception of the graduating veteran(s). The Court is conducted by fellow Mason Grimm, who serves as a Judge in DeKalb County.

The public is invited. You must enter the north door of the Court House. You leave your cell phones in your car as they are not permitted.

A veteran will be graduating from the program. The purpose of the program is to take Veterans who have been charged with a wrong to have that charge lifted if they complete a series of programs. It has been a very successful program for DeKalb County. A large number of Veterans have graduated over the past five years. Let us support our Veterans by attending and learning about this unique program.

Individuals are allowed to view the court proceedings. It is followed by Concord serving refreshments and talking to those attending.

**PAST MASTER DEGREE FOR THREE NEW WORSHIPFUL
MASTERS
HOST DEKALB LODGE #214 (AUBURN)**

DeKalb Lodge #214 hosted the Past Masters degree on Saturday, December 14 for three newly elected Worshipful Masters. The newly elected Masters include: (starting front row, third from left) James Hess of Kendallville Lodge #276; fourth

from left is William Ternet of DeKalb #214; and fifth from left is Scott Barnhart of Ashley Lodge #614.

Mike Doxsee from Ft. Wayne (sixth from left) was the installing Master. Thanks to Mike for performing the work. Past Masters attending the work were: (front row): Stacey Roth, DeKalb #214; Dylan Purk, DeKalb #214; and on the far right, front: Mike Anderson, Angola #236; and Jimmie Milleman, Star #225. Back row, (left to right): Dean Shipe, Ashley #614; Neal Lockwood, Ashley #614; Chris Prentice, Kendallville #276; Jim Davis, Angola #236; Rick Rossi, Northeastern #210; and Glen Rogers, Angola #236. Picture taken by Paul Friend, Angola #236.





ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

ANGOLA YORK RITE STATED MEETING

The next stated meeting of Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, January 2 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 Commandery – so officers be prepared.

ARE YOU READY TO JOIN YORK RITE? PLEASE INQUIRE!

ANGOLA YORK RITE DEGREE WORK

On February 22 and March 1, 2025, Angola York Rite will be part of a York Rite Festival with Ohio and Michigan. All 9 degrees and orders will be conferred on two consecutive Saturdays. More specifics mentioned later in this newsletter.

The festival will allow Master Masons to join York Rite. The initiation fee is \$125 which includes your 2025 dues. As you have traveled through three degrees in your Blue Lodge, it continually mentions the need to search for more light in Masonry. York Rite provides this opportunity.

The degrees and orders are a continuation of the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees. As you try to make sense of the meanings of the first 3 degrees, York Rite will help you understand better the travels you have made.

Give a York Rite member a call or discuss it with one you know to be a well-traveled Mason.

YORK RITE GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF INDIANA JAMES DAVIS OF ANGOLA YORK RITE TRAVELS STATE. Pictured are Indianapolis Council members Jim Davis is in front row, fifth from left.



ANGOLA YORK RITE 2025 PRESIDING OFFICERS

High Priest of Angola Chapter #58 is Brant Moore.

Illustrious Master of Angola Council #27 is Jay Minick.

Eminent Commander Angola Commandery #45 is Mike Anderson.

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. The meeting will open at 10:30 AM.

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

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 Michigan 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

YORK RITE BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR CASTING THE WORK!!

Notes:

Candidates and Members MUST send meal reservations to State Contact
Noon meal to be paid upon arrival – cost is \$15 for meal, coffee, donuts
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 2025 TRI-STATE FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 22, 2025 – ANGOLA, IN

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 – Grand Chapter of Michigan (MI)
12:00	Noon Lunch
12:45 PM	Royal Arch – Grand Chapter of Indiana (IN)
2:25 PM	Royal Master – Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite (IN)
3:00 PM	Select Master – Grand Council of Indiana (IN)

Saturday, March 1, 2025 – JACKSON – COOLIDGE MASONIC TEMPLE, MI
(355 Napoleon Rd, Michigan Center, MI)

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 (MI)**
10:45 AM **Yeomen of York Stated Meeting (3 State)**
11:15 AM **Lunch**
12:15 PM **Order of the Temple – Jackson Commandery #9 (MI)**



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

The next stated/special meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14 at the Shrine building. There will be a meal is at 6:30 PM.

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 to attend will be \$45 per person. More details later.



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING

The Pokagon Shrine Club will next meet on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at the Glendarin Golf Course dining room. You can order from the menu, starting around 6:15 PM. Meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.

The Mizpah Shrine Circus will be on Friday, January 24, 2025. All Steuben County 4th graders will again be transported to the circus with a caravan of buses.

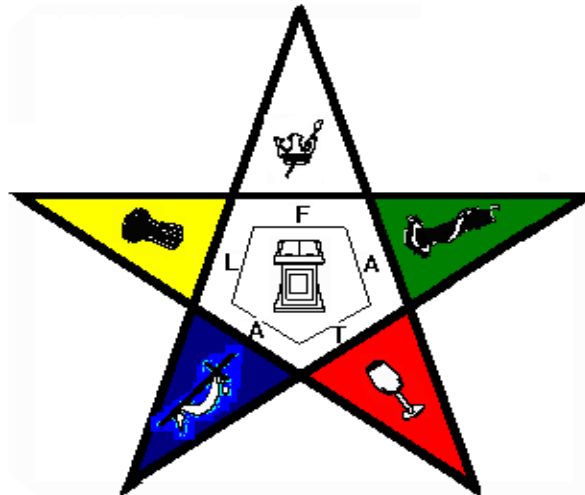
Any available Shriner is requested to accompany the youth to the circus. Hold the date! Wear your FEZ. A complimentary breakfast, courtesy of the Steuben County Circus coordinator, Don Shively at Timbers on the west edge of Angola starting at 7:00 AM, if you so desire. Let Don know if you can assist.

If you received Shrine Circus tickets in the mail, please turn them over to Don Shively or Paul Friend. Your financial support will help defray the cost of sending our youth to the circus.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2025



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, 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 6:15 Meal 7:00 Meeting
Dark July/August**

**Northeastern #21 1st Wednesday 7:00 Meeting
(Fremont) Refreshments follow**

**Star #225 2nd Wednesday 6:15 Meal at Lodge
(Orland) 7:00 Meeting**

**Ashley #614 1st Thursday 7:00 Meeting
Refreshments follow**

DeKalb #214 1st Tuesday 7:00 Meeting

**Forest #239 2nd Thursday 6:30 Meal
(Butler) 7:00 Meeting**

Concord #556 2nd Tuesday 7:30 Meeting

Meridian Sun #76 1st Wednesday 6:00 Meal

(LaGrange)

7:00 Meeting

Kendallville #276

**1st Monday
7:30 Meeting**

6:30 Meal

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.**