

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 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	Danny Patterson	Jim Rosenbury
Kendallville #276	James Hess	Aaron Wade
Meridian Sun #76	Ray Hoover	Lee Ray Owen
Leo #224	Daniel Sparling	David Roose
Edon Lodge #474	Wyatt Zulch	Kyle Long

Be sure to check with your Lodge officers or members to see if your Lodge will have stated meetings or go dark in July and August. All Lodges will have September stated meetings and become alive for activities after this warm summer.

It would be great for members to be seeking petitions for membership this summer. LET'S ALL GET TO WORK!

MULTIPLE MASONIC LODGE ACTIVITIES

Rusty Nail Degree – What Lodges are interested?

Angola Lodge is receiving comments on doing the “Rusty Nail” degree from local lodges. The degree reviews the signs, meaning of the signs, working tools and their meanings, words, etc. of the three degrees?

The general talk is to do the degree on a Saturday morning in September, at Angola Lodge with a possible breakfast around 8:30 AM, followed by the degree at 9:00 AM. Glen Rogers, Worshipful Master of Angola Lodge #236 would appreciate any input, suggestions or comments.

It takes several members who are assigned tasks to give and explain. One needs to look at the Monitor or online to find the content of the Rusty Nail degree. It would be given to those who want a better understanding, or to refresh the memory of long-term Masons.

ANGOLA LODGE #236 WANTS YOUR INPUT! Check with Glen Rogers if you are willing to assist. He is looking for volunteers (and would appreciate your help!)

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236

Angola Lodge does not have a stated meeting until Tuesday, September 2. Angola Lodge dark in July and August. A called meeting can be held in case there are member petitions that the Lodge wants to process early, so an investigating committee can be assigned so as to allow a report and voting action taken at the September meeting. This would allow degree work to start a month earlier than normal.

JULY 4 PARADE



Angola Masonic Lodge is coordinating participation for the July 4th parade in Angola. Any local Lodge and/or members are invited to participate. The parade starts at 11:00 AM on the west side of Angola at the big parking lot of Trine University. Participants are asked to be ready by 10:30 AM. Assemble on the road south of Furth Center on West Maumee (at one time a local Church).

NEEDED: Two members to carry the banner that says “Masons of Northeast Indiana”, York Rite members to carry the flag, representatives of Shrine, Scottish Rite, Blue Lodges and York Rite. Wear the colors or shirts of your group with emblems (if you have them), or just come in clothing suitable for the weather we will have. Let Glen Rogers, Jimmie Milleman, Jim Davis or Paul Friend you are attending so we know we have a good representation of Masons.

The Pokagon Shrine Club will be using its’ parade pontoon (Princess), on which any member may ride. Bring a lawn chair to sit on the pontoon. Dress will be shorts and your Masonic or Hawaiian shirt. If you wish and are able, you can walk the parade route.

Angola York Rite Color Guard will be carrying the United States Flag. If you wish, bring your Masonic apron and march behind the Color Guard or ride on the pontoon.

So.....you are welcome to participate. Following the parade will be a lot of activity on the parks on the east side of Angola. A lot of food vendors and activity for adults and the kids.

VETERANS COURT – CONCORD LODGE #556 ACTIVITY

Local Masonic lodge members invited to the “Veterans Court” to be held on Thursday July 3 at the Court House in Auburn. Judge Grimm of Auburn and a Masonic member, is in charge of the court.

Randolph L. Seipel, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, will be in attendance. You are encouraged to attend to hear his message and his comments on the “Veterans’ Court” activity that has been taking place for a long period of time in Auburn.

What is Veterans Court? On the return of Veterans from their military service, sometimes they get off key and are convicted so some kind of crime, whether it be drugs, intoxication, battery, stealing, vandalism, etc., of which they wish to correct. Judge Grimm of the Court System in DeKalb County, operates a program that these candidates can participate in to relieve that person’s wrong and get the criminal charge dropped. Judge Grimm meets with these individuals on numerous occasions to learn how they are progressing – which is discussed at the Veterans Court. The programs may take place over several months, but once completed their charges are dropped.



I personally have witnessed this Court and highly recommend you witness this program yourself. Once the veteran completes his required program needs, he “graduates” from the Veterans Court. Concord Lodge #556 and the Spencerville Chapter #386 Order of the Eastern Star, host a graduation party with refreshments at the court. This has been happening for several years for both Masonic groups.

YOU are invited to attend! It starts at 2:00 PM, and lasts no longer than two hours. You enter the Auburn Court House at the north side entrance. No cell phones allowed, so leave them in your vehicle.



Grand Master Seipel has adopted his Masonic Pin for 2025-26. The Indiana Grand Lodge webpage offers a lot of information on his leadership plans for his tenure as Grand Master. Take the time to look at the Indiana Grand Lodge website for his plans – which includes his many taped recordings for you to view.

STAR LODGE #556 (ORLAND) RAFFLE

ORLAND MASONIC STAR LODGE #225 RAFFLE

1ST PRIZE:

SOG Tactical Knife, range finder,
binoculars & backpack.

MSRP: \$550.00



2ND PRIZE:

5-Piece DeWalt 20V tool set w/2
batteries & bag.

MSRP: \$450.00



3RD PRIZE:

Gift Card to Sportsman's Warehouse

MSRP: \$200



TICKETS: \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20

DRAWING 9/6/2025

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

MERIDIAN SUN LODGE #76 (LAGRANGE) RAFFLE

Meridian Sun is having a raffle to help with the finances of their Lodge. In fact they are having TWO raffles, as shown below.

The winning tickets are to be drawn Friday October 10. This is their first announcement of the raffle – so you have plenty of time to contact a local member for a ticket or two.

<p>No. 2442</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p>	<p>DRAWING FOR \$500.00 Albright's Gift Certificate Friday, October 10, 2025 To be given by Meridian Sun Lodge #76 IN LIC #017662</p> <p><i>"Proceeds to benefit Meridian Sun Lodge and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution"</i></p> <p>Donation \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00</p> <p>Need not be Present to win</p> <p>No. 2442</p>
<p>No. 1407</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p>	<p>DRAWING FOR Charles Daly Honcho XL Tactical 12 ga. pump shotgun Friday, October 10, 2025 To be given by Meridian Sun Lodge #76 IN LIC #017662</p> <p><i>"Proceeds to benefit Meridian Sun Lodge and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution"</i></p> <p>Donation \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00</p> <p>Need not be Present to win</p> <p>No. 1407</p>

Concord Lodge Hosting a Guest Speaker – July 8th Stated Meeting **Brother Ron Buskirk, WM Schofield Lodge 1818**

Concord Lodge 556 will have Brother Ron Buskirk, WM Schofield Lodge 1818 be a guest speaker to talk about the Schofield House in Madison, IN where the Grand Lodge of Indiana was formed on January 12, 1818. Indiana Grand Lodge owns the building where Masonry started for our state. Brother Ron is also on the Board of Directors of Compass Park. Brother Ron will be discussing the Schofield House and its history. More information can be found at: <https://www.schofieldhouse.com/>

EDON LODGE (OHIO) #474

Edon Lodge #474 conducted an Entered Apprentice Degree on June 2 on Wes Mayer and Austin Batt (front row 3rd and 4th from left).

Edon Lodge now meets at Bryan Lodge for its' meeting since the Lodge building in Edon had some building maintenance issues.

The FC degree is being planned but the date and time is not known at this time.





ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

YORK RITE STATE MEETING

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, September 4. Angola York Rite is dark in July and August.

The September meeting will be opening on the Commandery, with Mike Anderson, Eminent Commander presiding.

Angola York Rite members, Jimmie Milleman, Mike Anderson (hidden behind flag) and A. J. Hocker, made a flag presentation for the Pokagon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at their June meeting at the Fremont Library.

Jimmie Milleman, Angola York Rite Secretary/Recorder of Angola York Rite recites a message about the meaning and status of the flag in the ceremony.

Angola York Rite is willing to present the flag, upon any Masonic groups request.



THE 2026 TRI-STATE FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON:

Saturday, February 28, 2026 – Chapter and Council Degrees in Michigan

Saturday, March 7, 2026 – Commandery Orders in Ohio

PUT DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND HOLD OPEN!!

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

GRAND YEOMEN OF YORK NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING OF INDIANA GRAND YEOMEN OF YORK TOOK PLACE SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2025



At the completion of the Grand Preceptory Annual Meeting, the 2025-26 Grand Officers were installed. Paul Friend, Past Grand Director General installed the officers which include: (left to right) Arthur Tuesburg as Grand Deputy Director General from Northwest Preceptory #1; Gary Steinhardt as Grand Secretary/Treasurer of Frankfort Preceptory #15; Paul Friend, PGDG and Grand Recorder of Angola Preceptory #2; David Miller, Grand Director General of Northwest Preceptory #1; Lloyd Atterson, Sr., PGDG and Grand Adjutant General of Indianapolis Preceptory #1; Ray Wiseman ,Grand Master of Ceremonies of New Albany #7; and Joe Korschot, Grand Chaplain of Frankfort Preceptory #15.



Paul Friend, Grand Recorder congratulates Phil Whisner, outgoing Grand Director General, who was presented with his purple lanyard cord and gold medallion for serving the top office of this Masonic group. He joins the ranks of 21 Past Grand Director Generals. The Grand Preceptory was formed in 1996, with William Wally Roberts serving as the first Grand Director General.

ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2 YEOMEN SUMMER MEETING

The summer meeting for Angola Preceptory #2 will be held on Saturday, July 19 at Ritas' Family Dining in Edgerton OH. This will be a buffet meal with homemade pie. This is a social event with the ladies. The meal will be served at 11:00 AM, with the meeting to follow.

Director General Wayne Cripps, from Ohio, will be presiding over the meeting. [Reservations are essential](#). Contact Yeomen Don Trumbull with your reservation by July 12 at 734-218-7545 or trumbulldonald@gmail.com.

ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2 YEOMEN ANNUAL MEETING **COMBINING WITH ANGOLA #45 AND APOLLO #19** **INSPECTION THIS FALL**

The Annual Meeting for the Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2 will be on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Angola Lodge #236. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM. **PUT THE DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR!**

This is the same date as the Annual Inspection for Angola Commandery #45 and Apollo Commandery #19. Any York Rite member is invited to attend. The inspection will start after a noon meal.



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB STATED MEETING

Pokagon Shrine Club will have a stated meeting on Thursday, July 17, at the Glendarin Golf Course dining room. Order from the menu, starting around 6:15 PM. Meeting to follow.

REMEMBER: POKAGON SHRINE CLUB MEETS ON THE THIRD THURSDAY!

POKAGON \$500 MEAT RAFFLE TO CONTINUE IN 2025

The local Shrine Club will again be having a \$500 meat raffle as its' money maker for the year. Albrights of Corunna will be the source of the winning ticket drawn. The award will be a gift card, from which one can purchase anything in their store.

Profits made are used to support the Shrine Circus expenses and their other philanthropies. Tickets are now printed and ready for distribution. Get ready to assist. Call Paul Friend to obtain tickets for you to sell or to buy personally. Call 260-402-6122.

The Sportsman Gun Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, at the Shrine Horse Grounds near Columbia City.

A sample ticket showing the details of the meat raffle is below.

**POKAGON SHRINE CLUB RAFFLE
" WHERE'S THE BEEF? "**

\$500 CREDIT FOR MEAT OF YOUR CHOICE

Drawing: Saturday, September 6, 2025

Shrine Horse Show Grounds at 5:00 p.m.

985 N. State Road 9, Columbia City, IN

Meat from Albright's One Stop Grocery

110 N Bridge St., Corunna, IN

Need not be present to win - winner will be notified

All proceeds to benefit Mizpah Shrine Temple

Raffle Information: www.shrine-sportsman.com IN LIC#001961

Payments are not deductible as a charitable contribution

TICKET PRICE: \$5.00 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20.00

SPORTSMAN GUN RAFFLE CONTINUES

100 GUNS TO BE RAFFLED OFF
IN A 5 HOUR PERIOD
HAVE YOU PURCHASED A TICKET?

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT
TO WIN A GUN

What a deal for gun enthusiasts!! Tickets on sale by several local Shriners. If you don't know Shriners, call Paul Friend at 260-402-6122. The raffle ticket costs are \$20. You can buy in multiples. Each ticket you buy will be eligible to be drawn for all 100 guns.

Not only are the tickets good for the raffle, it gives one admission to the Shrine Patrol Grounds (in Columbia City) where the raffle will be held on September 6.

Once on the grounds you can eat all the hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, water, and soft drinks. FREE BEER ALL DAY!! They will have a PA system in place so you can hear the name who won each gun. THIS MAY BE YOUR YEAR TO WIN! You can win more than one gun.

Below is a listing of the 101 guns to be drawn!

MIZPAH SHRINERS

"13th Annual Sportsman's Raffle"

Saturday, September 6, 2025 • Shrine Horse Patrol Grounds

985 N. State Road 9, Columbia City, IN • 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

13th
Annual

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A GUN GIVEN AWAY EVERY 3 MINUTES!

This ticket eligible for all guns on back PLUS any additional add-ons

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

1. All local, State and Federal Laws will be adhered.
2. Must be 18 years old to purchase ticket.
3. Must be 16 years of age to be admitted.
4. "Sportsman Raffle reserves the right to substitute any gun at equal or greater value".
5. You must present ticket to enter or receive food.
6. Need not be present to WIN.
7. All firearms will be issued from *Rural King* 8801 US-24, Ft. Wayne, IN 46804.

All proceeds benefit MIZPAH Shrine Temple General Fund • All winners will be notified by mail
Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions

Shrine Information • www.Mizpahshrine.com

Price: \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the door)

IN Lic# 001961

MIZPAH SHRINE 2025 SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE LIST

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Mossberg Shockwave 590 20g | 21 CZ 612 12g | 41 Savage Arms 555 O/U 20g | 60 Bond Arms Roughneck 9mm | 80 Heritage RR 22mag/22lr |
| 2 Ruger 1022 Tactical 22lr | 22 Henry Golden Boy H004L 22lr | 42 Colt Python .357 Mag. Stain. 357mag | 61 Moss. Mav. 88-Security 12g | 81 G-Force Arms Huckleberry 410g |
| 3 Ruger American Ranch 7.62x39 | 23 Moss. Patriot Syn. 450 Bush. | 43 Win. XPR Hunter 7mm rem mag | 62 Heritage RR 22mag/22lr | 82 Ruger Mark IV Target 22lr |
| 4 Springfield 1911 MIL-SPEC 5 | 24 Moss. Mav. 88 - Security 12g | 44 Henry Gold. Silver H004SE 22lr | 63 Rug. 75th Ann. 10/22 Sporter 22lr | 83 NAA Mini Revolver 22wmmr |
| 5 Henry Classic H001 22lr | 25 Ruger 1022 Camo 22lr | 45 CZ 612 12g | 64 G-Force Mares Leg RD GFLVR357P | 84 CZ P10 S 9mm |
| 6 Mossberg Patriot 7mm-08 | 26 Heritage RR 22mag/22lr | 46 Bond Arms Roughneck 357 | 65 CZ P10S | 85 Glock G20SF 10mm |
| 7 Bond Arms Grizzly 45LC/410 | 27 CZ P10 S 9mm | 47 Henry Classic H001 22lr | 66 Moss. Patriot Syn. 450 Bushmaster | 86 Ruger Sec 380 |
| 8 Tisas 1911 A1 US Army WWII | 28 Moss. 590 Shockwave 12g | 48 Moss. Mav. 88-Security 12g | 67 Tisas 1911 A1 US Army WWII 45acp | 87 Moss. Mav. 88-Security 12g |
| 9 Savage Axis XP 350 Legend | 29 Rug. Super Wrang. 22mag/22lr | 49 Ruger 1022 Carb. W/Viridian 22lr | 68 Bond Arms Cyclops 45-70 | 88 Bond Arms Roughneck 357 |
| 10 Ruger Sec 380 | 30 Spring. 1911 Mil-Spec 5 45acp | 50 G-Force Arms Huckleberry 410g | 69 Win. SXP Trap Compact 12g | 89 Rug. 75th Ann. 10/22 Sporter 22lr |
| 11 G-Force Arms Huckleberry 410g | 31 Sav. Arms 93R17 GV 17hmr | 51 Henry Big Boy Brass Side Gate 357mag/38spl | 70 Sav. Arms B22 Mag. Prec. 22wmmr | 90 Ruger Super Wrang. 22mag/22lr |
| 12 Savage Arms 555 O/U 410g | 32 Henry Classic H001 22lr | 52 Ruger Sec 380 | 71 Tisas 1911 A1 US Army WWII 45acp | 91 Henry Classic H001 22lr |
| 13 Rock Island VR80 12g | 33 Weath. Van. Syn. 200win mag | 53 Ruger Super Wrang. 22mag/22lr | 72 Ruger Mini-14 Ranch 556 | 92 Savage Arms 555 O/U 12g |
| 14 Bond Arms Roughneck 9mm | 34 Diamondback DB 10 20* 308 | 54 Ruger Mark IV Target 22lr | 73 Mag. Desert Eagle 1911 45acp | 93 Moss. Patriot Synthetic 308 |
| 15 Moss. 500 Field/Deer Combo 12g | 35 Bond Arms Cyclops 45-70 | 55 Diam. db15 combo 556 & 300 blackout | 74 Moss. 590 Shockwave 410g | 94 Moss. 500 Grand Slam Turkey 12g |
| 16 Cent. Arms Canik TP9SFX 9mm | 36 Ruger Sec 380 | 56 Win. SXP Waterfowl Hunter 20g | 75 Ruger Sec 380 | 95 Mag. Desert Eagle 1911 45acp |
| 17 Bond Arms Roughneck 357/38 | 37 Win. SX4 Hybrid Hunter 12g | 57 Cent. Arms Canik TP9SFX 9mm | 76 Ruger Super Wrang. 22mag/22lr | 96 Bond Arms Grizzly 45LC/410 |
| 18 Savage Arms 93R1 GV 17hmr | 38 Sav. Arms 93R17 GV 17hmr | 58 Ruger Sec 380 | 77 Sav. Arms 93R17 GV 17hmr | 97 Ruger Mini-14 Ranch 556 |
| 19 Ruger 75th Ann. 10/22 Sporter 22lr | 39 Bond Arms Roughneck 357/38 | 59 Savage Axis XP 350 legend | 78 Ruger Mark IV Target 22lr | 98 NNA Mini Revolver 22wmmr |
| 20 Heritage RR 22lr | 40 G-Force Arms Huckleberry 410g | | 79 Mag. Desert Eagle 1911 45acp | 99 Rug. New Model Black. Con. 357/9mm |
| | | | | 100 Ruger SFAR 308 Win. Semi-Auto. 38" |
| | | | | 101 Spring. M1A Scout Squad 308 |

Winners will be notified by mail and must pay sales tax. Winners may trade their gun for a gift card issued by Rural King for value paid by Shriners for gun.
Grand Prize #101 Spring. M1A Scout Squad 308 is non exchangeable. Dwg. order subject to change. Pictures of raffle attendee may appear in Mizpah Shrine publications.

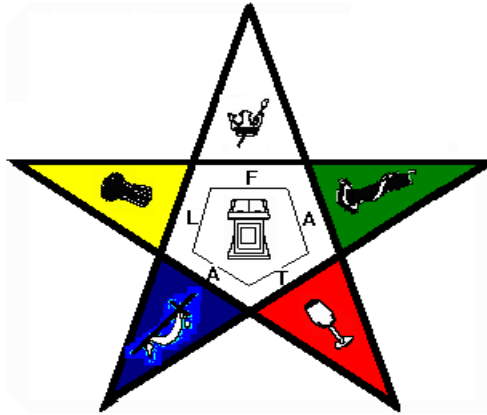
POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2025 ARE:

Jeff Stanford - **President/Treasurer**
John Tchinski - **Secretary**



NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETING

The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite meeting is on Tuesday July 8, at the Mizpah Shrine building in Ft. Wayne. There will also be a stated meeting on August 12. Both include a meal from 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM, with the meeting to follow.



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Ashley Chapter #229 meets at 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	6:30 Meal 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.**