

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2023

Lodge

Angola #236
Star #225
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Benjamin Taylor
Rick Rossi
Tim Smith
Stacey Roth
Dean Shipe
Michael Gettys
Parker Terry
Lee Ray Owen
Adam Butler

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ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236 NEWS

RICHARD RUSELINK EARNS ORDER OF SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to Brother Richard Ruselink for receiving the Order of Service Award from the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 2023. Richard was Secretary for Angola Lodge #236 for 25 years and was very proficient in performing the necessary duties. Dick was also active in York Rite, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine over the years. Pictured is Dick on the right side, along with Paul Friend, Past Master of Angola Lodge.



**MASTER MASONS ENCOURAGED TO START YORK RITE –
READ ON**

A Blue Lodge member in good standing can receive the first degree of York Rite (Mark Master Degree) on Tuesday, June 6 at the Angola Masonic Lodge, following a 6:30 meal and a brief Angola Stated meeting. There is no cost to take this 1st York Rite degree and there is no obligation to continue. If one desires to continue with York Rite, then the signing of a petition and the cost of joining York Rite will be necessary in order to receive the second and subsequent York Rite degrees and orders. We want you see a typical York Rite degree. They are very informative/interesting!

It is the intent for the York Rite bodies of Angola and Auburn to work together to complete all the 9 York Rite degrees and orders as expedient as possible. This will require a series of degree week nights or weekend days to complete. If there are any Blue Lodge members interested, please contact a local York Rite member to indicate your interest to join.

Any Blue Lodge member who is interested is invited to attend this opportunity – whether you live in Steuben, LaGrange, Noble, DeKalb, Allen (any county in Indiana). All you have to do is notify a member of Angola so we know you are planning to attend. If you eventually join York Rite, you can join York Rite in any Indiana existing cities as Angola, Auburn, Ft. Wayne or the York Rite body closest to where you live. We want you to experience one of lessons taught in the York Rite work.

We want to extend this invitation to any Master Mason. If you don't know who to call, notify Paul Friend (260-402-6122) and he will help direct you to your closest opportunity. Current York Rite members may attend the June 6 event also. Please let us know you are going to attend.

In order to plan for this event, those who wish to take the Mark Master Degree are asked to contact Jimmie Milleman, Secretary of Angola York Rite at 260-667-7203 or email jlmilleman@gmail.com.

We ask current York Rite members (wherever located) to ask and bring one or two Master Masons to this event. Thanks for helping!

ANGOLA LODGE #236 BUILDING 100 YEARS OLD

Construction of the current Angola Masonic Lodge building began on April 1, 1923, the cornerstone laid on August 21, 1923, and the building dedicated on St. Johns Day on June 24, 1924.

To celebrate the 100th Birthday of the Lodge Building a special Celebration has been planned on Saturday, June 24, 2023. There will be an open house from 9:00 to 12 noon, with a ceremony taking place at 11:00 AM with representatives of the Grand Lodge.

The public can tour the building with many displays on hand to explain the various groups of Masonry.



To celebrate the buildings 100 years of existence, a special coin has been struck to help commemorate the 100 year building. You can purchase the coin for \$10.00 from any local member. They will be available on June 24.

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE

100th Year Building Celebration!

25 South Public Square

June 24, 2023

Open House 9:00-12:00



Ceremony at 11:00 am

See Special Displays

Tour the Building

NORTHEASTERN LODGE #210 (Fremont) NEWS

At its' June 7 stated meeting, Brother Marty McNeal will be receiving his award of gold. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM, with cake to follow.

Northeastern Lodge #210, continues its' Monday morning coffee and donuts at its Lodge building in Fremont. They will continue to meet throughout the year. Meet around 8:00 AM for fellowship and leave when necessary (usually close to 9:00 AM).

The lodge is located a half block east of the 4 way stop, on the north side of State Road 120. If there is nobody at the Lodge (ground level), they will be at the new restaurant a couple buildings to the east.

STAR LODGE (ORLAND) #225

**ORLAND MASONIC
STAR LODGE #225 RAFFLE**

1ST PRIZE: 
GLOCK 43X 9MM PISTOL or \$500
MSRP: \$600

2ND PRIZE: 
LSCI-ETERNAL-S12 ST-12 GA SHOTGUN
MSRP: \$325

3RD PRIZE: 
MR. BRATZ \$250 GIFT CERTIFICATE

4TH PRIZE: 
BLACKSTONE 28" GRIDDLE
MSRP: \$235

TICKETS: \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20
DRAWING 7/30/2023

It's time for the annual raffle by Star Lodge (Orland IN). This year there are 4 winners to be drawn. The poster shows the prizes and their value.

Tickets may be purchased from a local member, who I'm sure will be carrying them around to Masonic events.

The drawing will be on July 30.

STAR LODGE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

There is no date set for the degree. You will be informed.

ASHLEY LODGE #614

Ashley Lodge will be having a “Bake Sale” on Saturday, June 3. The event will start at 9:00 AM at the Lodge building. The Lodge needs to raise money to help pay for operating the Lodge building. Contributions are welcome. If you have questions, contact Dean Shipe.

CONCORD LODGE #556 (SPENCERVILLE)



What a year for Concord Lodge! Grand Master Lentz put many miles on his car to perform his duties! Job well done Richard.

Above see the Officers who opened the Annual Communication. This was quite an experience for officers of a small Lodge – but we know it was done with great ease.

To the right see Grand Master Lentz receiving his collar as a Past Grand Master.

Also note that the next Veterans Court will be on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at the DeKalb County Court House. Starting time is 2:00 PM. Concord Lodge furnishes refreshments at the conclusion



LEO LODGE #224

**Thursday, June 1 – Stated meeting – Dinner at 6 – Meeting at 7
Thursdays, May 11, 18 and 25 Degrees?**

Leo has raised six new Master Maons in March and April. In April newly raised Master Masons included: Adam Bergmanm; Michael Fugate; Brian Jennings, Matt Newbauer and Bob Gager. There were new petitions voted on in May, so the work continues. WM Adam Butler appreciates the participation of members in degree work. “Keep using the trowel.”

Members urged to bring your family to enjoy food and fellowship at these meetings.

SEARCH FOR PAST MASTER FAMILIES CONTINUES!!

Six new pictures of Past Masters were put up last week in the Angola Lodge. We have 109 of the 120 Past Masters now hanging in the Lodge dining room. The following are those we are still wanting, in the pre-1950 era (which I have had no success for a first lead at this time). HELP!!

That would include:

1858 – Jesse Squire	1874 – Simeon Latson	1897 – Fred Snyder
1921 – W. Earl Dole	1927 – Ken Rathbun	1937 – Wayland Seely

I have made contacts with the following Past Master families, but have not received their pictures yet: William Foutz, Robert Fitzwater, James Clark, Richard Sell, and Mike Cozad. I urge these Past Masters to send us a picture.



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

June Stated Meeting

Angola York Rites' next stated meeting is on Thursday, June 1. The York Rite will open on the Chapter, with Jon Doehrman, High Priest presiding. Officers be prepared!

The cast for the Mark Master degree will have a quick run through of the degree. Be prepared to review the tactics for this degree after the stated meeting.

May Stated meeting was a Templar Board

Angola York Rite recognized Past Commanders of Angola Commandery #45. Also present was guest speaker - Father Tom Adamson of the Holy Family Episcopal Church, Angola. Father Tom returned from the Holy Land Pilgrimage and presented a very informative program on his experiences. His total cost was sponsored by Angola Commandery #45. Picture on next page.



Pictured are members of Angola Commandery #45: seated are Mike Anderson, Glen Rogers, Paul Friend, Brant Moore and James Davis. Standing 1 to r: Nate Fultz; Ian Mountfield; Benton Davis; Dathan Reed; Father Tom Adamson (guest speaker); Dominic Hamblin; Matt Wignall; Dan Ernsberger; Jay Minick; Robert Fredrick and Jimmie Milleman. Two Grand Commandery Line Officers in picture are – Dathen Reed – Grand Junior Warden and Dominic Hamblin – Grand Captain General.



Ladies were invited and we had great turnout. We can't exist unless we have their support!



Above find a class of Angola Middle School students who were given a tour of the Angola Lodge Building. Thanks to Brant Moore, a teacher at the school, who made arrangements (front middle). A flag presentation was given by Jimmie Milleman, (front right), Secretary of Angola York Rite, with the assistance of Glen Rogers, (front left), a recent recipient of the KCT.

The picture on right shows York Rite members from Angola and Auburn York Rite, who participated in a Memorial Service in St. Joe, Indiana. L to r are: Rodney McGilvery, Dan Patterson and Jim Milleman. Excellent Public Relations!!



PAUL FRIEND AND MIKE ANDERSON RECOGNIZED BY THE GRAND COUNCIL

Paul and Mike received the Cryptic Service Award from the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana at its' Grand Session. Friend was recognized by David Miller, Most Illustrious Grand Master at the Grand Session. Anderson was recognized by James Davis, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, at the May meeting of Angola York Rite.



**JIM DAVIS OF ANGOLA AND APOLLO YORK RITE FINISHES
TERM AS GOVERNOR OF INDIANA YORK RITE SOVEREIGN**



COLLEGE #55 IN FT. WAYNE

Jim Davis completed his term as Governor of Indiana #55 York Rite Sovereign College at its May 2023 stated meeting. Jim is in the center of front row. (picture above) 5 new members were received.

CURRENT ANGOLA YORK RITE PRESIDING OFFICERS

**High Priest of Angola Chapter #58 is John Doehrman.
Illustrious Master of Angola Council #27 is Benton Davis.
Eminent Commander Angola Commandery #45 is Dan Ernsberger.
The Secretary/Recorder of Angola York Rite is Jimmie Milleman.**

50TH ANNIVERSARY TRI-STATE FESTIVAL COIN AVAILABLE

This coin was struck to help commemorate 50 years of the Tri-State Festival in 2023. The Festival started in 1974 and has rotated its' venue in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.



The coin was distributed during the Festival. Coins are available to purchase for \$10 from York Rite members in northeast Indiana. Coins are also available from Ken Crouch in Ohio and Donald Trumbull in Michigan.

YEOMEN OF YORK – ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2



INDIANA GRAND YEOMEN OF YORK ANNUAL MEETING

The Indiana Grand Preceptory Annual Meeting will be on Saturday June 17 at Hancock Masonic Lodge in Greenfield. The address is 661 W. Tague. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM. Meal to follow at Costa Restaurant nearby.

ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY #2 SUMMER OUTING WITH LADIES - SATURDAY, JULY 22

Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2 will have its summer outing with the ladies on Saturday, July 22. It will be a BUFFET meal starting at 11:00 AM at Rita's in Edgerton, OH. (103 N Michigan Street, Edgerton). The buffet, will cost \$22.00 each. There will be a short meeting to follow the meal.

Reservations needed by July 15 to Donald Trumbull, Preceptory Secretary at 734-775-4045 or email at trumballdonald@gmail.com.



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETINGS

The next Scottish Rite stated meeting is on Tuesday, June 13. It will be held at the Shrine Horsegrounds, north of Columbia City.

The annual appreciation cookout is at Mizpah Shrine Horse Grounds in Columbia City on Tuesday, June 13. There is no cost but a reservation is requested. Call the SR office if you are attending. You can bring non-SR members with you. The gates will open at 5:00 PM, meal at 6:00 PM with cards, corn hole and shooting targets as optional activities.



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING IN JUNE 2023

The stated meetings of the Pokagon Shrine Club will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on June 21. You are invited to order your meal around 6:15 PM and enjoy fellowship while you eat, with the meeting starting around 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Glendarin Golf Course Clubhouse.

SPORTSMAN GUN RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE NOW

The Mizpah Shrine 2023 sportsman gun raffle will be on Saturday, September 9 at the Shrine Horsegrounds in Columbia City. There will be 100 guns drawn and one's ticket is good for the drawing of ALL 100 guns. Tickets are \$20 each, and one can buy as many tickets as you wish.

If your name is drawn, you do not need to keep that particular gun, but can exchange it for its' value on another gun of your choice. If you desire to purchase a raffle ticket(s), contact Paul Friend at 260-402-6122.

The following is a copy of a ticket. Read through it for the details of the event.

Also find the listing of the 100 guns to be drawn. What a variety!!

MIZPAH SHRINERS

“11th Annual Sportsman’s Raffle”

Saturday, September 9, 2023 • Shrine Horse Patrol Grounds

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

A GUN GIVEN AWAY EVERY 3 MINUTES!

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

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

11th Annual

11th Annual

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 Sportsmans Warehouse 44408 Illinois Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46818.

Sponsor - Masters Heating & Cooling Inc.

3512 Cavalier Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46808 • 866-824-4328 (HEAT)

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 2023 SPORTSMAN’S RAFFLE LIST

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| 1. Sig Sauer P320 Com 9mm | 21. Taurus G2C 9mm Luger | 41. Sav. Arms Axis XP 30-06 | 61. Trad. Ouffitter 450 Bush | 81. Sav. Arms Stevens 410g O/U |
| 2. Stoeger STR-9 OR 9mm | 22. Rem 783 Com. 308 Win | 42. CZ Woodstock G2 O/U 12g | 62. Ben. Nova R/Tree Max5 12g | 82. Bond Arms R/Neck 45 ACP |
| 3. Bond Arms Rneck 45 ACP | 23. Moss 500 Field/Deer 12ga | 43. Trad. Ouffitter 450 Bush | 63. Walher PDP Com. OR 9mm | 83. Sav. Mark II BV N/Wood 22lr |
| 4. Glock 43X 9mm 10+1 | 24. Sav Arms Axis XP 350 Leg | 44. Rem. 870 Exp. Tac. 12g | 64. Stoeger STR-9 OR 9mm | 84. Henry Black Lever Rifle 22lr |
| 5. Rem. 870 Exp. Tac 12g | 25. Stoeger STR-9 OR 9mm | 45. Spring Armory Hcat Pro OR | 65. Kimber LW Arctic 45 Auto | 85. Mossberg 590 Tac 7+1 12g |
| 6. Benelli Nova R/Tree 12g | 26. CVA Scout 350 Leg | 46. Sav. Arms Axis XP 350 Leg | 66. Spring. Armory H/Cat Pro OR | 86. TriStar Viper G2 Silver 12g |
| 7. Moss. 590 Tac 7+1 12g | 27. Rem 870 Exp. Tac. 12g | 47. Sloeger STR-9 OR 9mm | 67. Rem. 870 Exp. Tactical 12g | 87. CZ Woodstock G2 O/U 12g |
| 8. Kel-Tec KS7 6+1 12g | 28. Spring. Hellcat Pro. OR | 48. Sav. Mark II BV N/Wood 22lr | 68. Sav. Arms Axis XP 350 Leg | 88. Sav. Arms Slavens 4 10g O/U |
| 9. CZ Bobwhile SXS 20g | 29. Sig Sauer P320 Com. 9mm | 49. Kel-Tec KS7 6+1 12ga 18.5" | 69. Ruger Mule Deer 10/22 22lr | 89. Sig Sauer P320 Com. 9mm |
| 10. CZ Woodstock G2 O/U 12g | 30. Walther PDP Com. OR 9mm | 50. Walther PDP Com. OR 9mm | 70. Sig Sauer P320 Com. 9mm | 90. Sav. Arms Axis XP 350 Leg |
| 11. TaurusG2C9mmLug 12+1 | 31. Glock 43X 9mm 10+1 | 51. Glock 43X 9mm 10+1 | 71. Sav. Arms 555 410g O/U | 91. Kel-Tec KS7 6+1 12g |
| 12. Moss. 500 Field.Veer 12ga | 32. Rug. Mule Deer 10/22 22lr | 52. Henry Black Lever Rifle 22lr | 72. TriStar Viper G2 Silver 12g | 92. Rem. 783 Com. 308 Win |
| 13. Ruger MDeer 10/22 22lr | 33. Kim. LW Arctic 45 Auto | 53. Moss. 590 Tac 7+1 12g | 73. Mossberg 590 Tac 7+1 12g | 93. Sav. Mark II BV N/Wood 22lr |
| 14. Henry Black Lever Rifle 221r | 34. Bonds Arms Rneck 45 ACP | 54. CVA Scout Tdown 350 Leg | 74. CZ USA R/Head Prem.12g O/U | 94. Bond Arms R/Neck 45 ACP |
| 15. Sig Sauer P320 Com 9mm | 35. Henry Black Lever Rifle 22lr | 55. Taurus G2C 9mm Luger | 75. Taurus G2C 9mm Luger | 95. Moss. 500 F/Deer Scoped 12g |
| 16. Sav Nms Axis XP 30-06 | 36. CVA Scoul Tdown 350 Leg | 56. Rem. 783 Compact 308 Win | 76. CVA ScoutT / Down 350 Leg | 96. Ruger Mule Deer 10/22 22lr |
| 17. Bond Nms Rneck 45 ACP | 37. Ben. Nova Rtree Max-5 12g | 57. CZ Bobwhile SXS 20g | 77. Kel-Tec KS7 6=1 12ga 18.5" | 97. Glock 43X 9mm 10+1 |
| 18. Stoeger STR-9 OR 9mm | 38. Rem. 783 Com. 308 Win | 58. Sav. Arms Axis XP 30-06 | 78. Remington 783 Com. 308 Win | 98. Trad. Ouffitter B/Action 450 Bush |
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| 20. Sav Mark II BV Wood 22lr | 40. Taurus G2C 9mm Luger | 60. Mossberg 500 F/Deer 12g | 80. Savage Arms Axis XP 30-06 | 100. CZ USA R/Head Prem. 12g O/U |
| | | | | 101. LWRCIC DI 5.56mm NATO 30+1 |

POKAGONS SHRINE CLUB \$500 MEAT RAFFLE

The Shriners of Steuben County, which is organized under the name of “Pokagon Shrine Club”, are holding their own raffle for \$500 worth of credit at Albrights Meat Market in Corunna. The winner receives gift card to spend on whatever one wishes at their grocery and meat market.

The tickets will soon be available. In the early part of June the tickets will be distributed to our usual local members for selling to the public.

The tickets cost \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be held on September 9, during the Gun Raffle drawings in Columbia City.

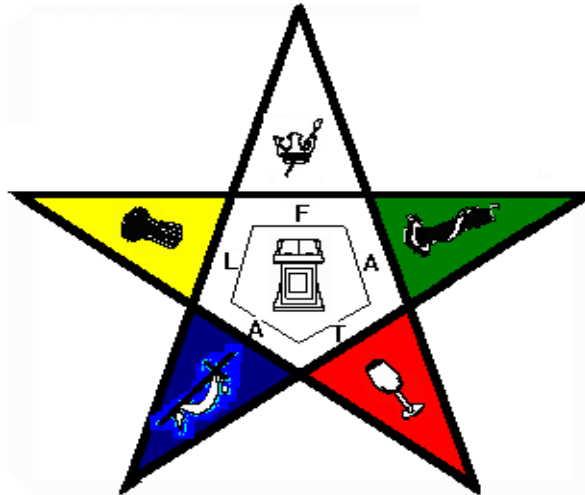
One does not need to be present to win.

Tickets will be available from several Shrine members that live in Steuben County. Please inquire. Profits are used to pay for the support of sending the Steuben County 4th graders to the Shrine Circus – which the club has been doing for over 60 years.

I you want to sell tickets, talk to one of the Officers, listed below.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2023 ARE:

Jeff Stanford - President/Treasurer
John Tchinski - Secretary



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.**

**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

Editorial Note:

I have started to use more pictures to help tell the story of Masonic activities in northeast Indiana. If your Lodge has a special event you wish to have put in the newsletter in the future, send me the picture with a brief explanation.

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