

# NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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## JUNE 2024 EDITION

### 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

Mike Anderson  
Ray Tracey  
Chris Sanders  
Eric Tracey  
Stacey Roth  
Dean Shipe  
Blake Myers  
Parker Terry  
Jerry Glenn  
Mark W. Reese

#### Secretary

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



**Each of us should have counted our blessings and remember those who have sacrificed their lives to save our country on Memorial Day!!**

### **ANGOLA MONUMENT (MOUND)**

**This monthly newsletter will include comments of one of the main attractions of Angola. It is a reminder of reasons we celebrate Memorial Day. This includes the many men from Steuben County who served our Country.**



## **ANGOLA MONUMENT HISTORY**

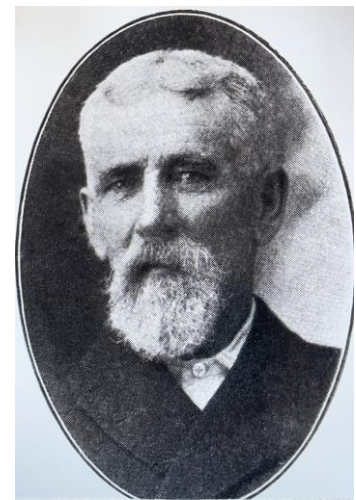
Located in the Northeast corner of the state of Indiana, Angola is the County Seat of Steuben County. Angola was founded in June of 1838 by Thomas Gale and Cornelius Gilmore and is the home to Trine University. The population was 8,612 at the 2010 census.

Downtown Angola's traffic circle (or roundabout-- nicknamed "The Mound"), looking east. The monument in the center is dedicated to those who served in the American Civil War. The building with the cupola is the Steuben County courthouse, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The most popular landmark in Angola is the Monument, referred to by locals as "The Mound" or the 'Circle.' Built in 1917 by E.M. Heltzer, The Monument commemorates the Civil War. It has statues for all four branches of the military. On top is the statue of Columbia, facing east. It cost \$17,000 in 1917, over \$1,000,000 if it were built today. The Monument is the center of many town celebrations and festivities. It was unveiled on Thursday, September 13, 1917 at 1PM to much fanfare. On the Monument are plaques with the names of the 1,278 men from Steuben County who fought in the war. Per capita, more men from Steuben County enlisted for the war than any other county in Indiana. The monument underwent a renovation in 1993 and was re-dedicated during Fourth of July ceremonies.

**A. J. Snyder was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge #236, serving as Worshipful Master in 1883. He was the driving force to raise funds for the Angola Monument, which was erected in 1917, as reported in the Angola newspaper.**

**He was a veteran of the Civil War and has his name proudly displayed at the monument, along with several other prominent Masons.**



**Andrew J. Snyder - 1883**

**American Legion Post #31 was responsible for the Memorial Day program at the Angola monument on May 27. Matthew Wignall, Commander of Post #31, whose picture shown below, was pictured in the Angola Herald Republican (below), during the program. Matthew is a member of Angola Masonic Lodge #236.**

**I am sure there are numerous other Veterans who are members of local Masonic Lodges. We thank them for their service in days past and for their continued dedication in today's world.**



## ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236 NEWS

### ANGOLA LODGE STATED MEETING – JUNE 4

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. This new meeting concept cannot be used until a by-laws change requested to the Indiana Grand Lodge is approved. The Lodge is still waiting for the Grand Lodge to respond. Angola goes dark for stated meetings in July and August.

### ANGOLA LODGE SOCIAL NIGHT

#### Monthly Social Night!

Date: June 11, 2024

Where: Monument Pizza

Time: 6:30-???

Who: Members and Friends



Lodge members and **their guests** are encouraged to join us on June 11th at our social night held at Monument Pizza in downtown Angola. Come and enjoy food, adult beverages, friendship and brotherhood. Come when you can, stay as long as you want!



## ANGOLA PAST MASTER PICTURE STATUS

The search continues for pictures of 5 Angola Past Masters. They include:

- Jesse Squire (1858, 1859 and 1861)
- Simeon Latson (1874, 1875, 1877, 1878 and 1886)
- Fred Snyder (1897, 1898, 1899, 1900)
- Wayne Earl Dole (1921)
- Kenneth D. Rathbun (1927)

A couple months ago I mentioned that there were two Kenneth Rathbun's that were Steuben residents, and I did not know if it was Kenneth D. from Angola or Kenneth E. of Nevada Mills. In the Angola Lodge we have a closet of old records and it was interesting to find out that the Rathbun I am looking for is Kenneth D. I found records of past members of the Lodge with a personal sheet kept for each member. His middle name was DeWitte. The records show his name and the dues paid, which went from \$3 in 1923 to \$6 in 1924. I still have not found his picture, but looking for his and the other 4 mentioned above. PLEASE HELP!!

*DeWitte*

NAME Kenneth D. Rathbun  
 ADDRESS

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RECOMMENDED BY	FROM
OCCUPATION	AT
DATE OF BIRTH	RECEIVED DEGREES IN
BIRTHPLACE	NO. AT
COUNTY STATE	
MONTH DAY YEAR	DEBIT
1929	
23	Dues 300
24	300
25	6
	600



**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.

Please join us for a

**Breakfast  
Fundraiser**

**Saturday, June 8th  
8-11 am**

**Rugiono's  
101 E Toledo St  
Fremont, IN**

**FREE  
WILL  
OFFERING**

All proceeds benefit:  
**Fremont Fire  
Department**  
towards equipment  
for the new truck!



Sponsored by:

**Northeastern Lodge #210 F. & A.M.**

**JUNE 8**

**YOU and  
family and  
friends, can  
attend and  
support  
Northeastern  
Lodge #210  
and Fremont  
Fire  
Department**

## **STAR LODGE (ORLAND) #225**

**It's time for the annual raffle by Star Lodge #225 (Orland IN). This year there are 3 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 28.**

**Their Lodge continues to support many community events.**

### **ORLAND MASONIC STAR LODGE #225 RAFFLE**

#### **1ST PRIZE:**

**GLOCK 43X 9MM 10-SHOT PISTOL  
MSRP: \$599.99 or \$400 CASH**



#### **2ND PRIZE:**

**MR. BRATZ \$250 GIFT CERTIFICATE**



#### **3RD PRIZE:**

**BLACKSTONE 28" GRIDDLE  
MSRP: \$200**



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

**DRAWING 7/28/2024**





## **ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS**

### **York Rite Stated Meetings**

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be Thursday, June 6, with the opening on the Commandery, with Jay Minick, Eminent Commander presiding. There will be a meal served at 6:30 PM.

### **Paul Friend receives honor**



Paul Friend of Angola York Rite receives a green and gold lanyard, which indicates bringing in 65 York Rite members into Angola York Rite over the years. The lanyard is part of the Commandery uniform, and is worn over the left shoulder.

Presenting the lanyard is Dominic Hamblin of Ft. Wayne Commandery #4, who is the current Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana.

### **Angola York Rite to host Chapter Instructional on June 8**

**The York Rite Chapter #58 will be host of the Instructional on Saturday, June 8 at Angola Masonic Lodge, located at 35 S. Public Square. Chapters in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil will be attending.**

**The Instructional starts at 10:00 AM, with a Table Chapter (meal) to start at 11:30 AM.**

### **Angola York Rite Flag Presentations**

**Members of Angola York Rite are willing to present the United States Flag at any of the local Blue Lodges. If you request, Angola will respond favorably. Besides presenting the flag a member does a commentary on the flag. The group of Jimmie Milleman, Mike Anderson, Brant Moore and Dan Ernsberger recently presented the flag to Star Lodge # 225 in Orland.**



**JIMMIE MILLEMAN HONORED AT  
GRAND CHAPTER YORK RITE  
MEETING**

Angola York Rite has Jimmie Milleman as the Secretary/Recorder of all three York bodies. He was honored as a runner up for State of Indiana for the job he is doing. Keeping the important records, membership data, reading correspondence is of great importance, and is done in excellent form from Jimmie. Thanks to Jimmie for the work he does.



**ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK**

**SUMMER MEETING**

**The summer meeting for Angola Preceptory #2  
SATURDAY, JULY 20  
VENUE: SUN RISE CAFÉ, FT WAYNE  
(10230 COLDWATER ROAD)  
MEAL STARTS AT 12 NOON – OVER AROUND 1:30 PM  
**LADIES INVITED**  
RESERVATIONS DUE JULY 13 TO DIRECTOR GENERAL  
ED FODRE AT [hfa.phd@gmail.com](mailto:hfa.phd@gmail.com)**

**You should be receiving an invitation from Angola Preceptory Recorder, Donald Trumbull.**



## **SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE**

### **NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETINGS**

**The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite event is on Tuesday June 11, at the Shrine Horsegrounds in Columbia City, located at 985 N State Road 9. This is the annual Appreciation dinner, with a complimentary Shrimp broil, starting at 6 PM. If you plan to attend, please respond to the Scottish Rite office, so they can have a count on the food needed.**

**Stated meetings will continue on July 9 and August 13 at the Mizpah Shrine Temple.**

### **JUNE 8 WELLNESS FAIR – PUBLIC INVITED**

**The Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne will be hosting a Health, Wellness, and Elder care Fair at Mizpah Shrine on Saturday, June 8th. There will be several stations around the room that you can visit at your own leisure. Stations include Blood Pressure Screening, Diabetes Awareness, CPR/AED Awareness, Home First Aid, Traumatic First Aid, Smoking Cessation, Opioid Awareness, Medigap Insurance, Compass Park, Allen County Cancer services, Hearing Aid, Park Place Senior living, retirement/estate planning, and Masonic membership. The event will open at 8:00 am and close at 1:00 pm. This event is open to the public, so feel free to share this with a friend or even bring them to Mizpah that day. There is no cost to attend this event.**



## **POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS**

### **POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING**

**Pokagon Shrine Club will have s stated meeting on Thursday, June 20, at the Glendarin Golf Course dining room. Order from the menu, starting around 6:15 PM. Meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.**

### **POKAGON MEAT RAFFLE TO CONTINUE IN 2024**

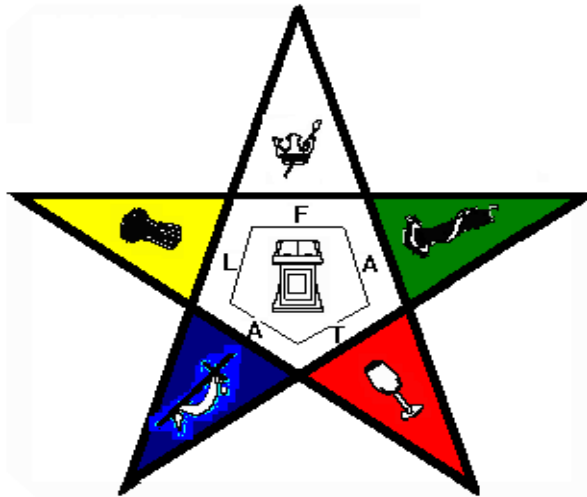
**The local Shrine Club will again be having a \$500 meat raffle as it's money maker this year. Albrights of Corunna will assist with the raffle. Profits made are used to support the Shrine Circus expenses. Tickets are now printed and ready for members to sell.**

### **POKAGON SHRINE PREPARING TO PURCHASE NEW SHIRTS**

**The local Pokagon Shrine Club will be having a special shirt made to be worn by local members. It will be a comfortable polyester shirt with sewn embroidery that will say "Pokagon Shrine Club" with an Indiana head on one side and "Mizpah Shrine" and the Shrine emblem on the other side. Your personal name will also be sewn on.**

**If interested in ordering one of these shirts, please contact Paul Friend or Jeff Stanford to indicate your interest – also give the size shirt you wear.**

**The Club appreciates members support in selling meat raffle tickets. This shirt is a "thank you" for our money making project.**



### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

BE SURE TO CHECK IF YOUR LODGE IS GOING DARK IN THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. SOME WILL CONTINUE MEETINGS DURING THE SUMMER.

<b>Angola #236</b>	<b>1st Tuesday Dark July/August</b>	<b>6:15 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Northeastern #210 (Fremont)</b>	<b>1st Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 Meeting Refreshments follow</b>
<b>Star #225 (Orland)</b>	<b>2nd Wednesday</b>	<b>6:15 Meal at Lodge 7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Ashley #614</b>	<b>1st Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 Meeting Refreshments follow</b>
<b>DeKalb #214</b>	<b>1st Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Forest #239 (Butler)</b>	<b>2nd Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Concord #556</b>	<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	<b>7:30 Meeting</b>
<b>Meridian Sun #76 (LaGrange)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Exc Jan &amp; Feb</b>	<b>6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Kendallville #276</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b>	<b>6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting</b>
<b>Leo #224</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>

**\*\* Please inform Paul Friend if any of the dates or times for meetings and meals have changed.**