

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2025

Lodge

Angola #236
Star #225
Northeastern #210
Forest #239
DeKalb #214
Ashley #614
Concord #556
Kendallville #276
Meridian Sun #76
Leo #224

Worshipful Master

Glen Rogers
Ray Tracey
Chris Sanders
Eric Tracey
William Ternet
Scott Barnhart
Danny Patterson
James Hess
Ray Hoover
Daniel Sparling

Secretary

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

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236 NEWS

ANGOLA LODGE STATED MEETING – MAY 6

There will be a light meal at 6:15 with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM. Worshipful Master, Glen Rogers invites current members to attend to hear about future activities of the Lodge and encourages your participation.

ANGOLA LODGE HOSTING MASONIC HOME FOUNDATION SPEAKERS – MAY 6

ANY LODGE MEMBER INVITED TO ATTEND!!

Angola Masonic Lodge Worshipful Master Glen Rogers has arranged for the Indiana Grand Lodge Masonic Home Foundation speakers to attend the Lodge stated meeting on May 6.

Northeast Indiana Lodges are invited to attend their presentation. You are invited to the meal at 6:15 PM, with the presentation to be made early in the meeting, about 7:00 PM, so you can travel home in decent time, or you may stay for the stated meeting.

ANGOLA LODGE HONORS TWO 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Congratulations go to John Stock (left) and Charles Nedele (right) two long time businessmen in Angola for their 50th year as a Master Mason. They have both long served the Steuben County area well in their line of work. Glen Rogers, Worshipful Master of Angola Lodge presented their 50 year pin and certificate, which comes from the Grand Lodge of Indiana.



GATHERING OF RECENT ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE
50 YEAR MEMBERS

What a group of Masons!! At the recent Celebration of Life of long-time member Tony Culver, this group of distinguished Masons were together, so we had to take a picture.

Pictured are (l to r): James Crowl, Tom Berry, Charles Nedele and John Stock. If they were given time, there could be a lot of “stories” told about their involvement in Steuben County business and community support. Over the years they have been great workers!



ANGOLA LODGE TO REPLACE BACK DOOR

Through the efforts of several Lodge Officers, especially Brant Moore, money was sought and received to replace the back door of the Lodge building. This exit door is located on the northeast side of the building and is the original door placed when the building was completed in 1924. For safety reasons the door will be replaced so it meets the requirements of building codes, especially a workable bar to allow people to exit safely.

If you have never looked above the door you will note “No. 236 F and AM” engraved in the limestone. Also note the Arch and the intricate design. A masterpiece designed by the Masons in the early 1920’s.

Monies were received from a combination of the City of Angola, York Rite and donations from current and past members.

Angola Lodge maintains a “Building Fund” in case anyone wants to add to the fund for future improvements. Send any donations to Jay Minick, Secretary, 1006 Bluffview Drive, Angola, IN 46703.



STAR LODGE #225 (ORLAND) TO HAVE GUEST SPEAKER ON FLAG PROTOCOL

Star Lodge has arranged for Sir Knight Dominic Hamblin (Deputy Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Indiana) to come to their May 14th stated meeting to give his presentation on the proper protocol for the handling and display of the American Flag.

If anyone has someone in mind that you would like to introduce to our fraternity this would be a good time to invite him to dinner and this program. He will give the presentation after dinner in the Lodge room prior to opening.

Please inform Jimmie Milleman know who will be there so they can prepare for the meal. Meal at 6:00 PM. Opening at following the flag information.

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. Newcomer's welcome to attend – there is great fellowship, and you will learn what is going on in Masonry from the various Lodges that attend.

CONCORD LODGE #556 (SPENCERVILLE) NEWS



Kelley Ash (front row – 5th from right) was raised to the degree of Master Mason on Monday, April 28 at Concord Lodge #556. Twenty-six brethren from 9 different Lodges attended the event

LEO LODGE #224 TO HAVE DEMOLEY PRESENTATION

Leo Lodge will be having a special presentation by DeMoley at their May 1, 2025 meeting. There will be a dinner at 6:00 PM followed by their opening at 7:00 PM. Worshipful Master Dan Sparling invites any Mason to attend.



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

York Rite Stated Meeting

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be Thursday, May 1, with the opening on the Chapter, with Brant Moore, High Priest, presiding. There will be a meal served at 6:30 PM before the meeting.

James Davis presided over the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons

Jim Davis, Most Illustrious Grand Master presided over the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Indiana, April 13 and 14, 2025 in Indianapolis.

Jim has faithfully completed his duty as Grand Master, and now will have more time for local Masonic activities.



(Pictured l to r) are: Fred Diehl, Stacy Roth, Benton Davis, Paul Friend, Chris Prentice, Mike Anderson, James Davis, Brant Moore, Jimmie Milleman, Jay Minick and Dan Ernsberger. These Companions are from Auburn and Angola York Rite Chapters of Royal Arch Masons who opened the Grand Session.



During the Grand Sesson, York Rite Chapters were recognized for their contributions to Royal Arch Research Assistance Program. Receiving the recognition from Auburn York Rite were Chris Prentice and from Angola York Rite, Jimmie Milleman.



GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE CONCLUDES



Angola Commandery #45 was recognized for receiving the highest rating for Battalion 2 in the scoring of performing the Order of the Temple. Members Glen Rogers, Ian Mountfield, Mike Anderson and Jimmie Milleman receive the Guidon as an award.



Mike Anderson received a blue ribbon on behalf of Angola Commandery #45 for the highest accumulated points for activity in Battalion 2 for the last calendar year.

Jay Minick, Eminent Commander of Angola Commandery #45 in 2024, received a certificate from the Grand Commandery for his leadership for the past year. A very deserving award that shows his dedication to the Sir Knights.



DAN PATTERSON HONORED

Dan Patterson, last year's Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery Knight Templar was recognized with the KTCH (Knight Templar Cross of Honor) award for the state of Indiana. Although you cannot see his wife Karen, she is attaching the award behind Dan. Also picture is (left) Ed Fodrea, Past Grand Commander of Indiana and (right) Randy Darling, Grand Commander.



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



ANNUAL MEETING OF INDIANA GRAND YEOMEN OF YORK TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

The meeting will be held at Hancock Lodge #101, 661 Tague Street, Greenfield, IN. Opening will be at 10:00 AM, followed by the meeting and dismissed after a lunch at the Lodge. Ladies are invited to accompany members.

ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK SUMMER MEETING

The summer meeting for Angola Preceptory #2 will be the next event for its' membership. The date and venue is currently being planned, probably in June or July 2025. Director General Wayne Cripps, from Ohio, is currently organizing the date, time and venue for this meeting. It will include the ladies with a meal. More information later.

The Annual Meeting for the Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2 will be on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Angola Lodge #236. Put the date in your calendar.

FUTURE YORK RITE DATES

May 20 Indianapolis (and potential viewing from your home)
Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Saturdays, February 28 and March 7, 2026
Tri-State Festival Continues into its 53rd year
MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETING

The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite stated meeting is on Tuesday May 13, at the Mizpah Shrine building.

6:15 PM meal followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM.

VALLEY ANNUAL MEETING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Tuesday, May 13 stated meeting will include the election of Officers. The meeting will be held at Mizpah Shrine.

Installation will be on Saturday, May 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

FUTURE EVENTS

On Tuesday, June 10 will be the member appreciation dinner at the Shrine Horse grounds in Columbia City from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING

Pokagon Shrine Club will have a stated meeting on Thursday, May 15, 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 MEAT RAFFLE TO CONTINUE IN 2025

The local Shrine Club will again be having a \$500 meat raffle as its' money maker this year. Albrights of Corunna will assist with the raffle. 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.

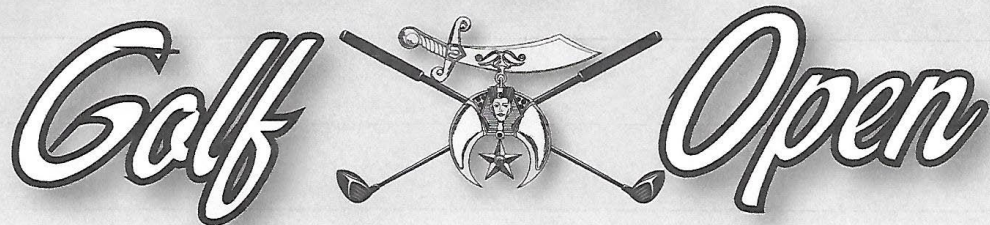
The Sportsman Gun Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, at the Shrine Horse Grounds near Columbia City. Contact a current member if you are ready to sell gun raffle tickets.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2024 ARE:

Jeff Stanford - President/Treasurer
John Tchinski - Secretary

GOLFERS BEWARE!!

Mizpah Shrine
Directors



June 7, 2025 - 8am
Garrett Country Club

Team Name: _____

Golfer 1: _____ Phone: _____

Golfer 2: _____ Phone: _____

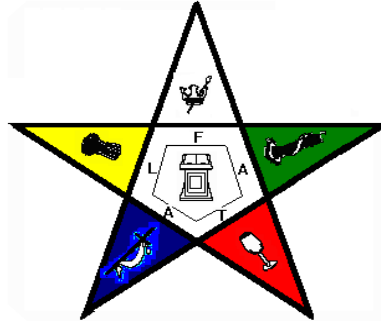
Golfer 3: _____ Phone: _____

Golfer 4: _____ Phone: _____

\$80 Per Player • Total Per Team is \$320

50/50 • Mulligans • Skin Game
Registration @ 7:00am • Tee Off @ 8:00am
Lunch at the Turn • Awards Following

Call in or send this form to:
Bob Tracey bob@pier1977.com (260) 414-2739
1015A Memorial Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805
Make Checks Payable to Mizpah Shrine Directors



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	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.**