

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2026

| <u>Lodge</u> | <u>Worshipful Master</u> | <u>Secretary</u> |
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| Angola #236 | Mark Blue | Jay Minick |
| Star #225 | Drost Morgan | Dave Hardiek |
| Northeastern #210 | Chris Sanders | Tim VanZant |
| Forest #239 | Eric Tracey | Bob Tracey |
| DeKalb #214 | Rodney McGillvary | Justin Lees |
| Ashley #614 | Nick Shipe | Jim Carper |
| Concord #556 | Danny Patterson | Jim Rosenbury |
| Kendallville #276 | Chris Prentice | Aaron Wade |
| Meridian Sun #76 | Andrew Marshall | Lee Ray Owen |
| Leo #224 | Walter Schoonover, Jr. | David Roose |
| Edon Lodge #474 | Shane Zulch | Kyle Long |

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236

ANGOLA LODGE STATED MEETING JUNE 2, 2026

Angola Lodge #236 will hold its' next stated meeting on Tuesday, June 2. Light meal at 6:15 PM with meeting starting at 7:00 PM. There is a possibility for the presentation of two 50-year awards of Gold. Angola will be dark in July and August.

NEW ENTERED APPRENTICE IN ANGOLA LODGE #236

Jeremy Breen received his Entered Apprentice Degree on May 21 at the Angola Masonic Lodge. Welcome Jeremy! His top line signer was Bill Zimmerman. Several Angola officers took part in the degree work. Jay Minick, Lodge Secretary, assumed the chair in the East for the work.

His Fellowcraft Degree has been set for Thursday, June 18 at Angola Lodge.



ANGOLA LODGE #236 SOCIAL NIGHTS

Angola Lodge will continue its' social nights to the third Wednesdays of each month. The location will be the Angola Masonic Lodge. The Lodge will have food and drinks for the event. Starting time will be 6:00 PM. The next social night is being planned for Wednesday, June 17.

The Lodge now has two televisions in the social room. Besides conversations, one can watch a TV program, play pool or card games.

One of the purposes is for current Masons to ask a potential Mason to attend, so he can get acquainted with Masons and to ask questions about Masonry.

Don't depend on the other Mason to ask someone to attend - - it is important for YOU to invite someone to attend.

Among other reasons is for current Masons to learn about others in the brotherhood as occupation, hobbies, favorite sports teams, and catch up on ice fishing stories, etc. etc.

STAR LODGE (ORLAND) #225

The 2026 raffle has started! See a member for your tickets!

**ORLAND MASONIC
STAR LODGE #225 RAFFLE**



↑ **1ST PRIZE:** ↑
Henry H4 "God Bless America" Tribute Edition Rifle . 22 Cal
MSRP: \$1,429.00



→ **2ND PRIZE:** →
9-Piece DeWalt 20V MAX tool set
w/2 batteries & 2 bags.
MSRP: \$999.00



→ **3RD PRIZE:** →
Gift Card to Sportsman's Warehouse
MSRP: \$200

TICKETS: \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20
DRAWING 9/12/2026

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Star Lodge is starting a social night at the Orland American Legion on the fourth Friday of each month at 6:30. All Steuben County Masons and out of county Masons are invited and encourage Masons bring a non-Mason that may be interested in joining the fraternity.

NORTHEASTERN LODGE (FREMONT) #210

Northeastern Lodge continues to raise funds to support their local Fire Department. Put June 6th on your calendar!

Please join us for a
Breakfast Fundraiser
Saturday
June 6th, 2026
8 - 11 am
Rugiono's
101 E Toledo St
Fremont, IN

FREE WILL OFFERING

All proceeds benefit:
Fremont Fire Department

Sponsored by:
Northeastern Lodge #210 F. & A.M.



COFFEE/DONUT GET TOGETHER CONTINUES EACH MONDAY MORNING IN FREMONT (NORTHEASTERN LODGE)!!

Any Steuben County Mason is invited to meet with other Masons to catch up on “whatever” you want to discuss. It takes place at the Northeastern Lodge #210 reception room in Fremont. The Lodge is located immediately east of the 4-way stop lights in the center of Fremont. You are welcome to attend. Gathering time is 7:30 to 8:00 AM and ends around 9:00 AM.

DEKALB LODGE #214

DeKalb Lodge #214 will have fellowship night EVERY LAST TUESDAY of the month at 7:00 pm. Members and guests welcome as described on the following poster.

DeKalb Lodge #214 is having an education night every Wednesday evening at 7pm.



CONCORD LODGE (SPENCERVILLE) #556

Concord Lodge sponsors a little team in St. Joe. The team displays Masonic shirt. The coach is Kelly Ash of Concord Lodge, back row left.



Each year, Concord Lodge 556 gives a \$750 scholarship to a graduating senior from Eastside High School in honor of our deceased Brother Dr. Clyde Baumgartner, a 56-year member of Concord Lodge.

Dr. Clyde Roy Baumgartner was a veterinarian located in Spencerville, Indiana. Dr. Baumgartner served the farm community of Southeast DeKalb and Northeast Allen Counties. He also visited farms to take care of animals in Defiance County (Hicksville area) in Ohio. Dr. Baumgartner was born in 1891 and past in 1977. He was a member of Concord Masonic Lodge 556 joining in 1921.

This year's recipient is Paige Kreisler from St. Joe area. Paige will be attending Purdue to become a veterinarian. Brother Jim Rosenbury made the presentation at Eastside's award night on May 13th.



LEO LODGE #224

On May 14, Leo Lodge raised two worthy Brothers to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason! Congratulations to Brothers Israel Chapa and Stanley Shipe! In addition, we were honored to have MWPGM Carey Carter (not pictured) in attendance along with a number of PMs and Brothers from Waynedale #739, Wayne #25 and Summit City #170.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

LEO LODGE #224
SATURDAY, MAY 30
7:30AM - 10:30 AM

DONATION \$8
CHILDREN UNDER 7 FREE!

PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, EGGS, BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY! <<

EVERYONE WELCOME!
13711 LEO RD, LEO-CEDARVILLE, IN 46765

This Saturday, May 30, Leo will be hosting their Annual Spring Pancake Breakfast! Please come out and join us while you are out and about!

We will close out the first half of the year before going dark in July and August by holding an EA Degree on Thursday, June 25. As always, all are welcome!

Leo Lodge is holding Work Lecture Study and Discussion on the first Saturday of the month after our Stated Meeting from 9-11 AM at the lodge. On Saturday, June 6, we will continue our discussions.



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

YORK RITE STATED MEETING

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be on Thursday June 4. Plans are to hold a Table Chapter, with Brant Moore, High Priest presiding. The table Lodge (meal) will start at 7:00 PM.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Angola York Rite sponsored Pastor Rich Warren of Restoration Ministries, located at 9030 W. US 20, Angola Indiana, to the Holy Land. The trip was made earlier this year. Pastor Warren will be making a presentation to York Rite or interested Lodges. Look for future announcements.

2026 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 Angola York Rite groups

GRAND YORK RITE LEADERS FOR INDIANA

Elected at the April 2026 Grand Meetings in Indiana



**Timothy R. Brinkmeyer
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana**



**W. Keith Stiner
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana**



**Dominic J. Hamblin
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Indiana**

Upcoming Grand Commandery Events

July 25: Summer Picnic, Warsaw

Aug 28: Knight Templar Ball, Muncie

March 25-27, 2027 Easter Sunrise Service, Wash D. C.

**APPOINTED YORK RITE REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE
NORTHEAST INDIANA FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR**

The following York Rite members will be serving the Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery grand officers as representatives to the local York Rite bodies, as a link for local groups to the heads. Expect them to make frequent visits to update and relay important information.



Jeff Woodward will serve as Royal Arch Deputy for District C, which includes the following Chapters: Angola #58, William Hacker (Auburn) #63 and Ft. Wayne #19.



Rodney McGillvary will serve as Arch 2 Officer which includes the following Councils: Angola #27; DeKalb #57; and Ft. Wayne #4.



Dathan Reed will serve as Battalion Commander for Battalion #2 for Angola #45, Apollo #19 and Ft. Wayne #4. Deputy Battalion Commanders will be Charles Brindle and Mike Arford.

RED CROSS AND MALTA CONFERRED IN AUBURN

On May 2, DeKalb York Rite conferred the Red Cross and Malta degrees on two candidates, Kyle Foreman and Justin Lees (front center). York Rite members from Angola and Ft. Wayne assisted in the work.



GRAND COMMANDERY ASCENSION SUNDAY HELD MAY 17

The Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in Butler was the host Church for Ascension Sunday. Officiating was Pastor Christine Fodrea. Grand Commander Hamblin and his lady Katie were present, along with Knights Templar from Ft. Wayne, Apollo and Angola.



DEKALB COUNCIL CONFERS ROYAL AND SELECT MASTER

DeKalb Council conferred the Council Degrees on Malcony Rodriguez on May 23 in Auburn.



KEEP THE DATE FOR GRAND COMMANDER RECEPTION.

AUGUST 1, 2026



**FORT WAYNE COMMANDERY #4
& APOLLO COMMANDERY #19**

PRESENT THE RECEPTION OF THE

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**



Saturday, August 1, A.D. 2026, A.O. 908

5:00 PM - PUBLIC DRILL and Movement Display

6:00 PM - Reception and Banquet

7:30 PM - VIP TOUR OF THE FREEMASONS HALL

**THE FREEMASONS HALL
216 E WASHINGTON BLVD
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**



TO RSVP, SCAN
THIS CODE
OR EMAIL
BRINDLE.IGR@GMAIL.COM



TRI-STATE YORK RITE FESTIVAL 2027

There were 12 candidates in the 2026 Tri-State Festival, all from Indiana, including 2 from Angola; 5 from Ft. Wayne; 3 from Auburn; 1 from Elkhart; and 1 from Grant County. (Pictures were posted in last month's news).

Hold the dates of February 27 and March 6, 2027, for next year's Tri-State Festival. Locations to be decided.

INDIANA PRIORY #8 KNIGHTS OF THE YORK RITE CROSS OF HONOR

K.Y.C.H.



Pictured L to R: Barry Clouser, Donald Henderson, David Turner, Dominic Hamblin, REGC, Steve Maxwell, PGHP- Eminent Prior, Brant Moore, David Ulrich, PP, Personal Representative of Bart Henderson, ME Grand Master General, Jimmie Milleman, Max Maupin, PP, PMIGM, Michael Doxsee, RIGPCW, Ron Ross, RIGCC, Michael Anderson,

The annual meeting of Indiana Priory #8, Knights of the York Cross of Honour was held May 9, 2026 at the Fort Wayne Freemasons Hall.

Four new members were welcomed and elections were held.



New members included: (L to R) Jay Minick, Angola; Kenneth Story Jr., Elkhart; Chris Prentiss, DeKalb; and Eric Anderson, Anderson; at the far right is Jimmie Milleman, officer of K.Y.C.H.

Knights of the York Cross of Honour is a Honor Group of York Rite Masons who are dedicated to serving the Masonic Fraternity as a Labor of Love. It recognizes members of the York Rite of Freemasonry who have gone above and beyond by serving as the presiding officer in all four of the primary York Rite Bodies.

The following officers were elected or appointed for the ensuing year:

**Eminent Prior, Steven A Maxwell, PGHP
Deputy Prior, Sean Jones, PGIM, REGS
Warder, Michael Anderson, KCT, KCTH
Registrar/Treasurer, Max Maupin, PP, PGIM
Prelate, Michael Doxsee, RIGPCW
Orator, Jimmie Milleman, KCT
Herald, Barry Clouser, KCT
First Lecturer, Ron Ross, RIGCC
Second Lecturer, David Turner
Third Lecturer, Brant Moore
Fourth Lecturer, Dominic Hamblin, REGC**



York Rite Colleges of Indiana

INDIANA YORK RITE COLLEGE #55, FT. WAYNE



Pictured are York Rite College members/candidates who attended and conducted the recent College candidate induction meeting.

Starting on the left front is: Steve Dooley, newly elected Governor, followed by the four newly inducted members: Ron Rylands, Tony Risner, Brian Pierc and Turner England The picture also includes an assembly of current and past officers.

GRAND YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY NEWS

The Annual Meeting of the Indiana Grand Yeomen of York will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at Hancock Lodge # 101. Address is 661 Tague Street, Greenfield), starting at 10:00. Coffee served earlier.

Hold the date! Any Yeomen of York member of an Indiana Preceptory is welcome to attend. Officer dress is black coat, grey pants, black tie, beret and jewel. Others dress similarly.

The current Grand Preceptory Officers include:

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| David W. Miller | Grand Director General |
| Arthur Tuesburg | Grand Deputy Director General |
| Roy Wiseman | Grand Secretary/Treasurer |
| Joseph C. Korschot | Grand Master of Ceremonies |
| Lloyd Atterson, Sr. | Grand Adjutant General |
| James H. Fairchild | Grand Chaplain |
| Paul W. Friend | Grand Recorder |

ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2

Angola Preceptory #2 will hold its' Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Angola Masonic Lodge. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM, with coffee and donuts preceding the meeting. The meeting will include election of officers and the induction of new members. The inspection of Angola Commandery #45 and Apollo Commandery #19 will be held on the afternoon on October 17.

The current officers of Angola Preceptory includes:

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| Director General | Jim Milleman | Indiana |
| Dep Director General | Matt Gloor | Ohio |
| General Sec/Treasurer | Danny Patterson | Indiana |
| Grand Master Ceremonies | Jesse Spillmen | Ohio |
| Chaplain | Dominic Hamblin | Indiana |
| Recorder | Ken Crouch | Ohio |
| Treasurer | Mike Anderson | Indiana |

Current Angola Preceptory members are reminded that nominees for new members into Angola Yeomen of York, are to be turned into Ken Crouch, Recorder. In the past two meetings nominations have been made but the recordings of the names have been misplaced. If you already made a nomination or have a new name to nominate, please turn them in again to Companion Crouch of Ohio, so preparation can be made for induction at the October 17 Annual Meeting. Contact can be made to Ken at 419-460-0296 or kencrouch85@yahoo.com.



POKAGAN SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

The next Pokagon Shrine Club stated meeting will be on Thursday, June 18, at the Glendarin golf course clubhouse. The evening starts with buying your own meal at 6:15 PM (optional to eat at meeting site), with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

In anticipation of this falls Sportsman Raffle, the club has purchased additional mugs to sell as a money maker. These will be added to our current inventory, to enable the club to sell several to boost our Treasury.

HOW TO JOIN MIZPAH SHRINE

If you wish to join Mizpah Shrine in the future, you would be required to sign a petition with a \$75 initiation fee. Contact Paul Friend, Don Shively, Jeff Stanford or John Tchinski for details. The next Mizpah stated meeting is April 15 in Ft. Wayne. The May 20 stated meeting will be with ladies invited, including a meal being served.



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2026 ARE:

Jeff Stanford - President/Treasurer

John Tchinski - Secretary

Mizpah Directors Announcement from Bob Tracey

Time to form a foursome and participate for some fun time in the sun. Instructions included in poster below.

Mizpah Shrine Directors



June 6, 2026 - 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

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



STATED MEETINGS

The next Ft. Wayne Valley Scottish Rite meeting is on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at the Mizpah Shrine building in Ft. Wayne. There will be a dinner at 6:15 PM, followed by the meeting.

The following stated meetings will be July 14 and August 11, all at the Shrine Building. Meals at 6:15 PM, followed by meeting.

HOW TO JOIN SCOTTISH RITE

To Join: first fill out a petition and turn it in to Paul Friend, or the Valley Office in Ft. Wayne. Other instructions will follow. The fee to join is \$150.

The Ft. Wayne Valley has long prided itself on being a very special place as they build upon our Masonic friendships and enjoy a new journey as Freemasons. They stand together in good times and bad and strive to fulfill the Masonic obligation to care for one another through the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

If you are not a Scottish Rite Mason and would like to learn more or become a member, contact Paul Friend at 260-402-6122 or the Valley office at 260-423-2593.

Once you receive your 4th degree, which you can receive at any stated meeting (second Tuesdays at Mizpah Shrine Building in Ft. Wayne), you will be able to receive several of the remaining degrees at the convenience of your home computer, which is known as “Thursday Nite at the Rite”, which will be starting later this year. You will receive a code that will allow you to access the following degrees.



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star are divided into districts in Indiana. Northeast Indiana (Steuben, LaGrange, DeKalb and Noble Counties) consists of 4 Chapters, in District 21 includes the following:

**Ashley Chapter #229 meets at Ashley Masonic Lodge #614. The Secretary is Renee Andrews (260-750-2626). Email: renee6604@yahoo.com
Meets on the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM. Dark Jan & Feb.**

**Spencerville Chapter #386 meets at Concord Masonic Lodge #556. The Secretary is Becky Hoover (260-452-6743). Email: hooverbecky@hotmail.com
Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Dark Jan & Feb.**

**Sylvan Chapter #251 meets at Meridian Sun Masonic Lodge #76. The Secretary is Trena Bowen (260-367-1658). Email: sylvan251@gmail.com
Meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. Dark Jan & Feb.**

**Prentiss Chapter #178 meets at Albion Lodge #97. The Secretary is Sheri Auld (260-343-1134). Email: sheriauld@yahoo.com.
Meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. Dark Jan & Feb.**

This newsletter will be starting to put information about Eastern Star events/activities each month. The current list of the Recorders of the four chapters are mentioned above in case a contact person is desired. All Chapters will be receptive to Master Masons and their ladies or relatives, who would be interested in joining.

Masonic brothers are eligible to join along with their wives, daughters, widows of Masons, sisters and mothers. Minimum age is 18.

Timeless Traditions: How the Eastern Star Connects Generations

In a rapidly changing world, the Spencerville Chapter #386 offers a timeless reminder of the power of community tradition. For 76 years, the Chapter has been a staple of the Dekalb County Free Fall Fair, most notably through its "Old Time Donut Stacking Contest." This event pairs local students with first responders, including State, County, and City Police—to compete for prize money donated directly to the participating student's school library.

The following letter from Librarian Melinda Perkins illustrates the profound impact of this partnership, showing how these "Old Time" proceeds provide modern resources while honoring the long-standing legacy of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Operation of the Eastern Star

Thank you so much for your support of our local school library. It is through grants like yours that we are able to provide special supplies for our student body that are both fun and educational. Year by year, budgets get tighter, but your continued support allows us to go above and beyond for our students and educators.

This year, the funds you provided were used to purchase 18 new books with a lexile level over 1000 (something our current inventory was seriously lacking), some new fun Lego bricks for a Lego mural that the students are working on, and a new stand to beautifully display new book titles.

All of these items would not have been possible without the generous support of the Eastern Star. I still remember very clearly how proud my grandmother was to be a member of your great organization and how she wore her Eastern Star ring with pride until the day she died. She was proud of the wonderful work that the group accomplished and how much they constantly gave back to the community. The organization remains unchanged in that aspect all of these years later, and for that, all of us at Eastside are extremely grateful.

Thank you, again, for your kindness, generosity, and support. Please feel free to stop by and see the fruits of your labor; we would love to have you visit and meet some of our wonderful students/staff.

We appreciate all that you do,
Melinda Perkins
Librarian/Media Specialist
Eastside Junior/Senior High School

In a world that seems to reinvent itself every day, the enduring legacy of the Order of the Eastern Star remains a comforting constant. The "Old Time Donut Stacking Contest" is more than just a playful tradition at the Dekalb County Free Fall Fair; it is a bridge connecting the Order of the

Eastern Star, Local Business's, our first responders, our students, and our schools. As Melinda Perkins' letter beautifully illustrates, these efforts do more than just fill library shelves with books and Lego bricks—they honor the pride of the generations who came before us. By turning back the clock through service and community spirit, Spencerville Chapter #386 ensures that while times may change, the commitment to our children and the memories of our members stay exactly where they belong: at the heart of our community.

With Star Love,

The Members of Spencerville Chapter #386 OES

In Memory of Melinda Perkins Grandmother

Mary Alice (Stuffle) Evans

From Southern Indiana

BLUE LODGE STATED MEETING NIGHTS FOR NORTHEAST INDIANA

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| 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 (Auburn) | 1st Tuesday | 7:00 Meeting |
| Forest #239 (Butler) | 2nd Thursday | 6:30 Meal 7:00 Meeting |
| Concord #556 (Spencerville) | 2nd Tuesday | 6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting |
| Meridian Sun #76 (LaGrange) | 1st Wednesday Every month | 6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting |
| Kendallville #276 | 1st Monday | 6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting |
| Leo #224 | 1st Thursday (Except July/Aug) | 6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting |

**** Please inform Paul Friend if any of the dates or times listed above for meetings and meals are not correct.**