

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2024

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Forest #239
DeKalb #214
Ashley #614
Concord #556
Kendallville #276
Meridian Sun #76
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ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236 NEWS

ANGOLA LODGE STATED MEETING – March 5

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, but first must revise its' bylaws – with discussion and some decisions on how it is to operate at this meeting.

Discussions will be held on by-laws wordage change. Plan to vote on them at this meeting.

With the by-laws needing to be changed, if you would like a copy of the current by-laws and some comments on how the bylaws might be changed, please contact Paul Friend for a copy at 260-402-6122. It will be sent to you via e-mail. It is important to have that document in your hands when a final vote will be taken at the March stated meeting. You can receive a copy and print it off for your use or put on cell phone to read at meeting – but you need to request a copy.

Worshipful Master of Angola #236 Mike Anderson message:

“I have tentatively scheduled Thursday March 21st for a Ritual Workshop. The Workshop would start at 7 p.m. and last approximately 1 ½ hours”.

Jan Henline will be available to assist in answering questions about any of the three degrees, especially the tactics portion. This is not a Lodge of Instruction where the Grand Lodge instructs on one particular degree.

It will be a chance for YOU to ask particular questions you want answered.

***RITUAL WORKSHOP AT ANGOLA LODGE
LOCAL LODGES/MEMBERS INVITED TO ATTEND***

Monthly Social Night!

Date: March 12, 2024

Where: Wings ETC

Time: 6:30-???

Who: Members and Friends



Lodge members and **their guests** are encouraged to join us on March 12th at our social night held at Wings ETC in Angola. Come and enjoy food, adult beverages, friendship and brotherhood. Come when you can, stay as long as you want!



3rd ANGOLA LODGE SOCIAL NIGHT – March 12

Angola Lodge will be holding its' third monthly social night for its members and guests. Anyone is invited – keep that evening open and join the festive event. Wings Etc. is located two blocks north of the downtown monument.

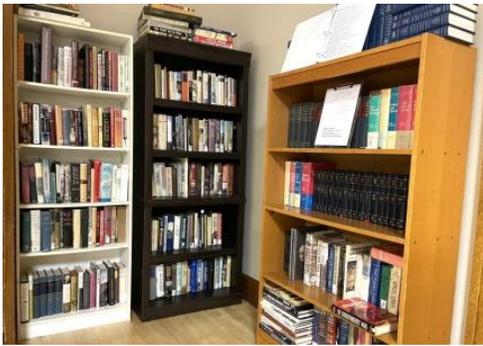
Come when you can – leave when you want!

Bring a guest, especially a man who might be interested in Masonry or a friend that can tell a story or two.

There is a wide offering of food and drinks.

LIBRARY OF AMERICAN PAST WARS AT ANGOLA LODGE

Nate Fultz, a member of Angola Lodge is donated a large number of books to the Lodge, with the wish that members and county residents would be interested in signing them out.



Nates collection is mostly books referencing the World Wars of long past including the wars of the 1900's.

NEEDED: The Lodge needs two more book cases, somewhat like those shown. If you have one you are not using, please contact Nate at 260-243-8660. He will accept a donation.

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.

Northeastern completed its' Charity Golf Tournament on February 23 at the Tilbury Golf Academy, located in the outlet stores near the toll road. They were able to raise **\$5,335 for the FYCO Food Pantry.**

It's great that this Lodge accomplished this charity drive. The officers and members spent a lot of time to organize and conduct this project. Well done!!

CONCORD LODGE #556 (SPENCERVILLE) NEWS)

The next stated meeting is Tuesday March 12th. Dinner at 6:30 pm and Lodge meeting at 7:30 pm. Please come to Lodge and check out the remodeling.

CONCORD LODGE #556 RENNOVATION CONTINUES

Concord Lodge 556 Kitchen & Restroom Remodeling Began January 2024, More Photos



Helpers are welcome! The work sessions at Concord Lodge to renovate several areas of the Lodge is continuing. The contact person is Jim Rosenbury 586-822-5407. They are remodeling the kitchen, adding on to the men's bathroom and will repaint several areas.

Spencerville OES 386 has made a couple more donations that were reported in the Auburn Star Paper. The below shows the articles.



Sunny Meadows residents enjoy meal

Sunny Meadows residents, including Penny, Deb, Timmy and Dave (last names withheld), enjoyed a meal, drinks and bingo courtesy of the Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star, Pizza Hut, Elizabeth's Bakery. Dollar Tree donated bingo prizes.

OES 'spare change jar' raises \$2,143 for Alliance Industries

The Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star's "spare change jar" collected \$2,143 to support the Alliance Industries Handicapped Workshop of Garrett with a storage shed, recycling bins, HEPA sweeper and digital scales to help with production. In front, from the left, are Lynda McGlothlin, Shayna Lowe (seated) and Krissy Woods. In back are executive director Erin Potter and Fabrice Bahizi.

CONCORD AND FOREST LODGE COMBINED ACTIVITY

Spencerville OES is planning on hosting another bingo/pizza party at Sunny Meadows. Concord Lodge 556 and Forest Lodge 239 both have made \$100 donations to Spencerville OES for the next party. Please include in the newsletter that any lodge that wants to donate to the OES for the bingo/pizza party would greatly be appreciated. Mail the donation to:

**Spencerville OES 386
PO Box 51
Spencerville, IN 46788**

CONCORD VETERANS COURT DATE APPROACHING

The next Veterans' Court graduation is Thursday March 28th at 2:00 pm at the courthouse in downtown Auburn. Concord Lodge and Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star will again be hosting with cake and refreshments. They would like as many Brothers to attend as possible. Please consider attending. No cell phones allowed in the Court House.

The purpose of the program is to take Veterans who have been charged with a wrong to have that charge lifted if they complete a series of programs. It has been a very successful program for DeKalb County.

Watch as Judge (and brother) Grimm discusses the required activities for each person and the way he encourages them to turn away from their wrongdoings in the past.

These Veteran Courts can be set up in other counties, but arrangements need to be made with the Judicial System in the county. Judge Grimm and Concord Lodge would be a source in how to set them up.



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

York Rite Stated Meetings

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be Thursday, March 7, with the opening on the Commandery, Jay Minick, Eminent Commander presiding. There will be a meal served at 6:30 PM before the opening at 7:00 PM.



BENTON DAVIS RECIPIENT OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Grand Commandery of Indiana presents the DSA award to active members in York Rite. Jay Minick, Eminent Commander of Angola Commandery, shows the award presented to Benton.

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



**THE TRI-STATE
FESTIVAL COMPLETED**

**21 NEW YORK RITE MASONS
IN CHAPTER AND COUNCIL
HELD IN BRYAN, OHIO**

**22 NEW COMMANDERY SIR KNIGHTS
KNIGHTED IN ANGOLA, INDIANA**

YORK RITE MEMBERS FROM STEUBEN COUNTY



Angola York Rite welcomes 4 new members in the Chapter and Council degrees portion of York Rite, while taking their Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees in Bryan Ohio.

(L to R) Alan Rossi from Northeastern Lodge #210 (Fremont), and A. J. Hocker, Bob Hocker and John Dermott from Angola Lodge #236 (Angola).

Twenty one Master Masons from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan were candidates on the first day of the Tri-State Festival in Bryan, Ohio on February 24. Indiana candidates were from Angola, Auburn, Ft. Wayne and Elkhart.

PICTURE OF 21 NEW CANDIDATES IN BRYAN LODGE

Candidates came from a variety of York Rite bodies in Indiana and Ohio.



A picture taken of the new Royal Arch Masons (Chapter) and Royal and Select Masters (Council) in Bryan Ohio Lodge room. On the first Saturday of the Festival these candidates took the Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master degrees in Chapter and the Royal and Select Master degrees in Council.

PICTURE OF 22 NEW CANDIDATES IN ANGOLA

On the second Saturday of the Festival, which was held at Angola Masonic Lodge #236, 22 new candidates received the Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta and the Order of the Commandery. Candidates came from Indiana (18) and Ohio (4). York Rite bodies from Indiana having candidates included: Angola, Auburn, Ft. Wayne, Elkhart and Richmond.

Pictured below is the cast of the Order of Malta, front (l to r); Benton Davis, Marshall; David Pass (Chaplain); John Dermott (Exemplar); and Dr. William Pond (Prior). All remaining men are Master Masons who took all the degree work.



**PICTURE INCLUDES 22 NEW CANDIDATES WHO
BECAME SIR KNIGHTS ON MARCH 2, 2024**



Pictured is a composite of several attendees at the Commandery Orders in Angola. Over 70 people attended, but many did not get into this picture. The picture includes all 22 candidates, members of the casts and other attendees. In the front center is Randal Ellington, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana (red cord). Several other distinguished guests were in attendance (too many to list all).



The Commandery Order of the Temple concluded with the presentation of the United States Flag,

Proceeds from the noon meal in Angola (\$1000) went to support Veterans groups who are in need.



**ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK ARE NOW
ORGANIZERS OF TRI-STATE FESTIVAL
51ST CONSECUTIVE YEAR FOR FESTIVAL**

Yeomen of York new mailing address for corresponding

The secretary of Angola Yeomen of York #2 is Don Trumbull who manages the Preceptory new mailing address which is: Don Trumbull, Secretary, PO Box 96, Whitmore Lake MI 48189-0096. Don can also be reached at: 734-775-4045. His email is: trumbulldonald@gmail.co



YEOMEN OF YORK INDUCTS 5 NEW MEMBERS

Inducted into Angola Yeomen Preceptory at the Tri-State Festival are (left to right): Charles Brindel, Ft. Wayne IN; Gary Smith, Wauseon, OH; Steve Bates, Grant Co, IN; Jessee Spillman, Bryan, OH; and Steve Miller, Wauseon OH.

GRANT COUNTY TO HAVE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

The York Rite bodies of Grant County have been very busy taking in about a dozen new York Rite Masons. Grant County Chapter #55 (Gas City) will be doing the Royal Arch Degree on Thursday, March 21.

The members of Grant County perform the degree in a very unique way. Worth your while to attend.

Dinner at 6:00 PM. Conferral starts at 7:00 PM. Contact is George Ingles at ginglespgc@comcast.net.

FUTURE YORK RITE DATES

**April 5, 6, and 7 Nashville, IN
Grand Chapter Convocation**

**April 21 and 22 Indianapolis Marriott
Grand Council Assembly**

**April 26 and 27 Muncie
Grand Commandery Conclave**

**May 21 Indianapolis
Grand Lodge Annual Communication**

GRAND COUNCIL HOLDS INSTRUCTIONAL IN ANGOLA

On February 17 James Catania, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana was at the Angola Masonic Lodge for an instructional for Arch 2. Included in the Arch were Ft. Wayne #4; Angola #27; Huntington #51 and DeKalb #57. Several current and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Council were also in attendance.

The Royal Master and Select Master degrees were practiced and reviewed with the correct interpretation of putting on these two degrees.

Pictured below is MI Grand Master Catania.





SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETINGS

The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite stated meeting is on Tuesday March 12, 2024 at Mizpah Shrine building in Ft. Wayne.

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

THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE RITE CONTINUES

The Ft. Wayne Valley of Scottish Rite continues to be part a program that allows members to observe the Scottish Rite degrees in the convenience of your home or as a group at a central location. It began on Thursday February 1 and will run through Thursday, April 25, 2024, with specific degrees scheduled on specific dates.

The following gives the dates, times and degrees offered:

**Thursday, March 14: 4th – Builder at 7:30 PM and
16th – Prince of Jerusalem at 8:00 PM**

**Thursday, March 28: 4th Builder at 7:30 PM and
13th – Master of the Ninth Arch at 8:00 PM**

**Thursday, April 11: 4th Builder at 7:30 PM and
20th – Master Ad Vitam at 8:00 PM**

**Thursday, April 25: 4th Builder at 7:30 PM and
19th – Brothers of the Trail**

Each evening starts with the 4th degree. To join and participate, one needs to be a Scottish Rite member and sign up with the Valley Office. This is an opportunity for those who desire to receive all Scottish Rite degrees and add to your completion of your Passport. Once a Scottish Rite member has seen all degrees from 4th thur 32nd, will receive special recognition. This is a good goal for all member to receive.

Ft. Wayne Valley is scheduled to present the 13th degree on March 28th at Mizpah Shrine building (group setting). More details will follow.

Scottish Rite Scholarship Applications Available

The ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP is available with the following qualifications:

- 1) Must be from a family with a Mason in good standing**
- 2) Be a High School Senior – minimum 2.75 grade average out of 4.00**
- 3) A student from a deceased Mason is eligible**
- 4) Application due May 1, 2024**



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

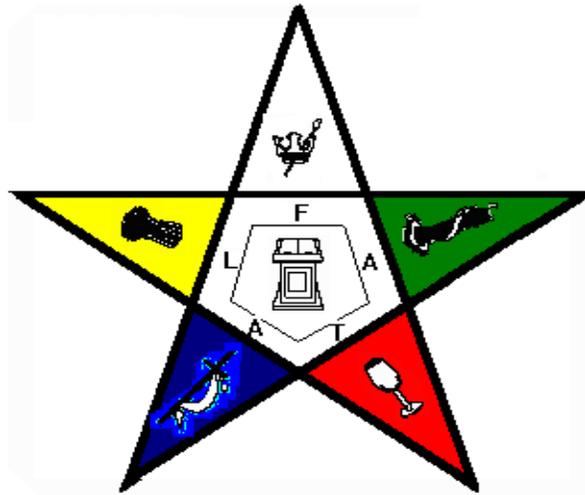
POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING

Pokagon Shrine Club will have s stated meeting on Thursday, March 21, at the Glendarin Golf Course dining room. Order from the menu, starting around 6:15 PM. Meeting to follow.

****NOTE THE POKAGON SHRINE CLUB WILL NOW MEET ON THE THIRD THURSDAY. MIZPAH SHRINE HAS CHANGED ITS STATED MEETING NIGHT TO THE THIRD WEDNESDAY (WHICH HAS BEEN THE STATED MEETING NIGHT FOR THE POKAGON SHRINE CLUB) – THUS OUR LOCAL CLUB HAS CHANGED ITS STATED MEETING NIGHT TO THE THIRD THURSDAY.****

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2024 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.**

**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.**