

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS 2025

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Star #225
Northeastern #210
Forest #239
DeKalb #214
Ashley #614
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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
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

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE RECENTLY FOR YOUR LODGE?

Attend a stated meeting? Help sign up a new candidate? Help with degree work? Help with a local project to help your community?

MASONIC LODGE NEWS – ALL MASONS INVITED!

ANGOLA #236/MERIDIAN SUN #76 LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

Angola Lodge #236 and Meridian Sun Lodge #76 (LaGrange) will hold a joint Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at Angola Lodge. The Instructional will be starting at 7:00 PM. David Fidler II, Grand Lodge Ritual Instructor will be presiding. All officers are expected to be present.

A Lodge of Instruction is held to teach Lodge officers and cast members of degrees on the correct procedures to follow in presenting the three Lodge degrees. There is certain protocol to follow in presenting the degrees to candidates and this gives the Grand Lodge an opportunity to show the correct tactics. Sometimes personal opinion of members on the correct procedure can be interpreted incorrectly and the Grand Lodge Instructor can instruct on the official procedures to follow.

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236

The next stated meeting for Angola Lodge is Tuesday, March 4 at Angola Masonic Lodge. A meal will be served at 6:30 PM, with opening at 7:00 PM, with Glen Rogers, Worshipful Master presiding.

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. NEXT GATHERING MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025.

Northeastern #210 had a very successful Charity Golf Outing on February 21. They ended up with 28 teams (four each). Wynn Hensel, chairman of the event reports they had several strong sponsors and raised \$6200.

STAR LODGE #225 (ORLAND)

Star Lodge will be planning the MM degree for Ken Bates at a date to be determined in March 2025. Once set, the date and time will be announced.

Star Lodge presented Prairie Heights Elementary with 5 - \$100 gift certificates from Bunch's in Orland. Josh Troyer (left) Guidance Counselor at Prairie Heights receives certificates from Star Lodge member, Benjamin Taylor. A great community project.



CONCORD LODGE #556 (Spencerville)



Larry Ash, (front center) starts his Masonic journey at Concord Lodge.

Concord Lodge #556 held an EA degree on February 25. A meal was provided before the meeting. 27 Masons attended from several Lodges. Included attendees was Past Grand Master, Richard Lentz (behind candidate) and Junior Grand Deacon, Steve Bates (far left). Danny Patterson, Worshipful Master of Concord Lodge stands to the left of the candidate. Secretary is Jim Rosenbury (back row behind Lentz).



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

ANGOLA YORK RITE STATED MEETING

The next stated meeting of Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, March 6 at the Angola Masonic Lodge. Meal at 6:30 PM, followed by the stated meeting at 7:00 PM.

The York Rite will OPEN on the Council, with Jay Minick, Illustrious Master presiding. In preparation of opening the Grand Session of the Grand Council, of Indiana, of which our own James Davis as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana will preside.

Angola Council Officers should be prepared to recite their office part in the opening of a Council of Select Masters. BRING YOUR RITUAL BOOK!

ANGOLA YORK RITE 2025 PRESIDING OFFICERS

High Priest of Angola Chapter #58 is Brant Moore.

Illustrious Master of Angola Council #27 is Jay Minick.

Eminent Commander Angola Commandery #45 is Mike Anderson.

The Secretary/Recorder of Angola York Rite is Jimmie Milleman.



ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY #2

Angola Preceptory # 2 Yeomen of York conducted a meeting during the Tri-State Festival. Many members from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan attended. As part of the meeting two Masons from Ohio were greeted into the Preceptory. Signing important documents after their initiation was a father and son team from the Hicksville, Ohio area, who includes son Ben Miller and father Darrell Miller (standing facing camera).



Angola Yeomen members are reminded of important dates: Grand Yeomen of York Annual meeting for the Grand Preceptory on June 21, 2025 in Greenfield (10:00AM start); Summer meeting with the ladies (date to be determined) and the Annual meeting (to start at 10:00 AM at Angola Masonic Lodge) of Angola Preceptory #2, on Saturday, October 18, 2025.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES

Pictured below are the officers of Pokagon Council No. 147 Allied Masonic Degrees for 2025.

Front 1 to r: Dathan Reed, Senior Deacon; Jacob Dermott, Senior Warden; Brant Moore, Sovereign Master; Benton Davis, Junior Warden and Steve Maxwell, Past Sovereign Master, Secretary/Treasurer. Back Row 1 to r: Jay Minick, Chaplain; Ray Sipe, Junior Deacon, Jeff Woodward, Past Sovereign Master, Tyler.

Allied Masonic Degrees meets quarterly and one of its purposes is to enact Masonic Degrees that were used years ago in Europe. In the early years of Masonry there were hundreds of degrees developed that are no longer used but historians have kept the rituals alive. Each degree has a special life lesson.

Allied Masonic Degree membership is by invitation only. The ladies meet with the Masons for a meal which followed by a meeting. Meeting locations are alternated.



TRI-STATE FESTIVAL FOR 2025

WHAT AN EVENTFUL MEMBERSHIP DAY FOR INDIANA, OHIO AND MICHIGAN!! Angola York Rite hosted the Chapter and Council degrees.



Pictured above is a portion of the candidates and members who attended the Tri-State Festival on February 22, 2025 at the Angola Masonic Lodge. At the completion of the Royal Master Degree of the Cryptic Masons, the cast, candidates and attendees posed for a picture.

In the front row center are James Sutherin, Grand Master Cryptic Masons of Ohio, Joe Villarreal, Grand High Priest of Indiana and James Davis, Grand Master Cryptic Masons of Indiana.

James Davis, Grand Master Cryptic Masons of Indiana shown presiding over the Select Master Degree, held Angola.



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The Commandery Orders were hosted by the York Rite bodies in Michigan Center, MI

Below shows the 17 candidates who received the Order of Malta (Short Form) conducted by Bill Pond and David Pass of Ft. Wayne Commandery.



Dr. Bill Pond did his usual exceptional job in his ritual work. The class was very appreciative of his deliberate presentation of the order. Each candidate received their Maltese Cross and a commemorative pen.

Jackson Commandery #9 of Michigan Center MI, casted the Order of the Temple

Pictured below are the 17 candidates who were part of the festival, plus a large number of Sir Knights from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio who were part of the day.



Thus ends the 52nd consecutive year of the Tri-State Festival. The Festival began in 1974, with the work being rotated at that time between Angola, Indiana; Montpelier, Ohio and Hillsdale, Michigan. Over the years dozens of Master Masons have been received into the York Rite.

Each state has some differences in the tactics of each of the degrees and orders, which makes observing degrees very enjoyable. The lessons presented remain the same in each one.

The classes are normally 20 to 30 candidates in size, with the largest class having 57 candidates in 2010, when John McNaughton, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Scottish Rite, was honored.

Special thanks go this year to the three State Coordinators who do much of the organizational work, including Mike Anderson of Indiana, Ken Crouch of Ohio and Donald Trumbull of Michigan. A large number of current and past Grand Officer and officers in the local York Rite bodies also contributed significantly.

ONWARD TO 2026! PUT THE LAST SATURDAY OF FEBRUARY AND FIRST SATURDAY OF MARCH ON YOUR CALENDARS AND HOLD THE DATES!



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY - FT WAYNE

The next stated/special meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11 at the Shrine building. There will be a meal is at 6:15 PM. Meeting follows.

The April stated meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8 at the Shrine building. Meal at 6:15 PM, with stated meeting at 7:00 PM.

2025 WINE TASTING **SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION**

March 8, 2025 is the date for the annual wine tasting/silent auction event. This is an annual event by the Ft. Wayne Valley and will have a **LARGE** variety of gifts, golf outings, wine, personally made arts and crafts, Masonic memorabilia and other fantastic gifts for you to bid on and potentially take home. The cost to attend will be \$45 per person. **Advance purchase of tickets is necessary.**

Food will be served. Caterers are pairing up wine and food for consumption. There will be at least four different pairings, so you will get a variety for delicious food and tasty wine. Here is an opportunity to take out your lady to a great social event.



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING

The Pokagon Shrine Club will next meet on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at the Glendarin Golf Course dining room. You can order from the menu, starting around 6:15 PM. Meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.

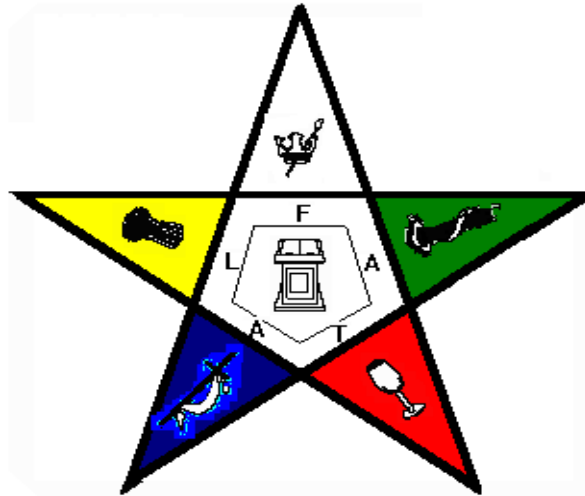
The Mizpah Shrine Circus was held on Friday, January 24, 2025, with Steuben County 4th graders attending. A caravan of school buses, escorted by State and County Police officials attended. A great day for the 4th graders.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2025



Pictured are the 2025 Officers for the Pokagon Shrine Club.

On left is Jeff Stanford, President/Treasurer and on right John Tchiniski, Secretary. In the middle is Brooks Targgart, Potentate of Mizpah Shrine.



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Ashley Chapter #229 meets at the Ashley Lodge.

Spencerville Chapter #386 meets on the 1st Thursday in Spencerville at Concord Lodge. 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.

**SPENCERVILLE CHAPTER #386 ORDER OF THE EASTERN
STAR**
INVITES MASONS AND THEIR LADIES TO JOIN

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Spencerville Chapter #386 of the Order of the Eastern Star is excited to announce the resumption of our regular meetings! After a brief recess over the past two months, we will reconvene on the first Thursday of March.

We are delighted to share that our Chapter has experienced significant growth in recent years, and we anticipate a vibrant and active 2025. We warmly welcome our new members and look forward to a year filled with engaging activities and meaningful service to our community.

The success of our numerous projects would not be possible without the dedicated efforts of our members, the support of Concord Lodge, and the collaboration of our Masonic partners throughout Northeast Indiana. We are deeply grateful for this collective spirit of service.

Are you interested in joining us for monthly dinners, fellowship, and the opportunity to make a positive impact in our community? Spencerville Chapter #386 invites you to consider membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Please feel free to contact one of our officers for more information:

- 1) Richard L. Lentz, Assistant Treasurer: (260) 410-1169
- 2) Becky Hoover, Secretary: (260) 452-6743

If Spencerville is not conveniently located for you, we can connect you with other Order of the Eastern Star Chapters in Northeast Indiana, including those in Albion, Ashley, Lagrange, and Leo. We are eager to help you find a chapter that meets your needs.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and events!

Meetings are every first Thursday of the month, dinner at 6:00pm and meeting at 7:00pm

Sincerely,

The Members of Spencerville Chapter #386 Order of the Eastern Star.

BLUE LODGE STATED MEETING NIGHTS FOR NORTHEAST INDIANA

Angola #236 **1st Tuesday 6:15 Meal 7:00 Meeting**
Dark July/August

Northeastern #21 **1st Wednesday 7:00 Meeting**
(Fremont) **Refreshments follow**

Star #225 **2nd Wednesday 6:15 Meal at Lodge**
(Orland) **7:00 Meeting**

Ashley #614 **1st Thursday 7:00 Meeting**
Refreshments follow

DeKalb #214 **1st Tuesday 7:00 Meeting**

Forest #239 **2nd Thursday 6:30 Meal**
(Butler) **7:00 Meeting**

Concord #556 **2nd Tuesday 7:30 Meeting**

Meridian Sun #76 **1st Wednesday 6:00 Meal**
(LaGrange) **7:00 Meeting**

Kendallville #276 **1st Monday 6:30 Meal**
7:30 Meeting

Leo #224 **1st Thursday 6:00 Meal**
7:00 Meeting