

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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EDITION

MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2026

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Worshipful Master</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
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	Scott Barnhart	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

OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN YORK RITE THIS WEEKEND (FEBRUARY 28)

THE 2026 (2 WEEKEND CLASS) FOR JOINING YORK RITE STARTS THIS WEEKEND IN ANGOLA. HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING? LEARN THE LONG LOST MASTERS WORD, HOW TO RECEIVE WAGES, HOW THE 3 GRAND MASTERS ENABLED CRAFTSMEN TO FINISH BUILDING THE TEMPLE, FIND THE ARC OF THE COVENANT, ETC. CALL A LOCAL YORK RITE MEMBER FOR

DETAILS. IF YOU DON'T KNOW A PERSON, CONTACT PAUL FRIEND, HE WILL ASSIST YOU. (260-402-6122). YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO SIGN UP.

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236

ANGOLA LODGE STATED MEETING **MARCH 3, 2026**

Angola Lodge #236 will hold its' next stated meeting on Tuesday, March 3. Light meal at 6:15 PM with meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

ANGOLA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION WITH LAGRANGE

Angola members (especially current officers) are to attend the **Tuesday, March 17 instructional, which is a joint session with Meridian Sun Lodge #76 in LaGrange. The usual dress is coat and tie.**

The Grand Lodge of Indiana will have a representative present to observe tactics given in opening and closing and will present information to keep members knowledgeable of the operations of Lodge meetings.

The time schedule is: Secretary/Treasurer meet at 6:00 PM; Meal at 6:15 PM; Lodge meeting at 7:00 PM.

ANGOLA LODGE #236 SOCIAL NIGHTS

Angola Lodge will continue its' social nights (second Wednesdays) on Wednesday, March 11. It will be held at Four Corners on Lake James, starting at 6:00 PM.

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. Did you hear about the ".....".

**COFFEE GET TOGETHER TO CONTINUES EACH MONDAY
MORNING AGAIN!!**

Any local 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 (AUBURN) AND AVILLA LODGE #460

On February 14, DeKalb Lodge #214 hosted a Master Mason degree with Avilla Lodge #460 for two candidates. Centered in front row is Rodney McGillvary, Worshipful Master of DeKalb Lodge #214. To his right is new Master Mason, Dustin Foraker of DeKalb Lodge and to his left is Lucas Coplin of Avilla Lodge #460.



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

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT!

LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

DE KALB LODGE #214 F. & A. M.
129 W 8TH ST, AUBURN, IN 46706

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FRIENDS • FUN
ALL BROTHERS AND GUESTS WELCOME!

Come join us for an evening of camaraderie and community. Refreshments and good conversation provided!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- January – December
- Last Tuesday of every month

Come join us for an evening of camaraderie and community.
Refreshments and good conversation provided!

QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO LODGE OFFICERS FOR DETAILS.

Dekalb Lodge #214 is having an education night every Wednesday evening at 7pm. They're currently going through the EA degree.

Chris Prentice, Past Master of Auburn Lodge #214, is planning upcoming events with the Ft Wayne DeMolay. They are starting a new club in Auburn and would like to get the word out to the area. Those interested can contact Chris.

Chris is going to be opening DeKalb Lodge #214 on March 26, for the Thursday Night at the Rite (Scottish Rite degree to be shown). This is open to all Master Masons who would like to begin their Scottish Rite journey. The fee is \$150 to join. Dinner is at 6pm. Degree work at 7pm.

MERIDIAN SUN LODGE #76 (LAGRANGE)

Meridian Sun #76 to host Lodge of Instruction with Angola #236

The Tuesday, March 17 Lodge instructional which will be held at Meridian Sun Lodge #76 in LaGrange. The number of attendees is necessary to have adequate food for the 6:15 PM meal. Inform your lodge secretary if you plan to attend.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana will have a representative present to observe tactics given in opening and closing and will present information to keep members knowledgeable of the operations of Lodge meetings.

The time schedule is: Secretaries and Treasurers meet at 6:00 PM; Meal at 6:15 PM; Lodge meeting at 7:00 PM.

MERIDIAN SUN LODGE #76 - 50 YEAR MEMBER

Kenton (Bud) Miller received his 50-year membership pin and certificate at his home, per his request from Meridian Sun #76 in LaGrange. Congratulations to Bud on his award of gold from the Grand Lodge of Indiana.



LEO LODGE #224

Leo Lodge is holding Work Lecture Study and Discussion on the first Saturday of the month from 9-11 AM at the lodge. On Saturday, March 7, they will continue their discussion of the EA Degree.

On Thursday, March 19, Leo will be hosting an INGL Ritual Workshop focusing on the EA Degree. Doors open at 6:30 PM, Workshop starts at 7:00 PM.

On February 12, Leo Lodge conducted its first EA Degree of the year and initiated Brother Israel Chapa (center below). They were pleased to host visiting Brethren from Bluffton #145, Star #225, Waynedale #739, and New Haven #740.



On February 12, Brother Sam Leto below (right below) received the Indiana Grand Lodge Rookie Award. It was presented by WB Nick George with an assist from Brother Tim Moore.



Leo Lodge capped off the month with their first MM Degree of the year. Brothers Justin Hake, Simon Balthazor and Parker Hills (son of Brian Hills, PM) were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. In attendance was INGL Assistant Grand Lecturer, Ill. Fred Lucabaugh (Bluffton #145). They were also pleased to host a number of visiting Brethren from Columbia City #189, Star #225, Waynedale #739, and New Haven #740.



Leo Lodge #224 holds Stated Meetings on the first Thursday of the month; Dinner at 6 PM, Work at 7 PM. They make every effort to keep their calendar up to date ([Leo Masonic Lodge #224](#)). They also post degrees/events on their Facebook page ([Leo Masonic Lodge #224](#)) and frequently have degrees/events posted to the NE Indiana Masonic Bodies Facebook page ([NE INDIANA MASONIC BODIES | Facebook](#)).

EDON LODGE (OHIO) #224

Edon Lodge #474 hosted their annual Inspection on February 20th at 7:00pm. There were over 70 brothers and guests in attendance along with Past Grand Master of Ohio, Charlie Murphy.

Omega Lodge (Defiance, OH) lent Edon their candidate, Mr. Joseph Sanchez (front center), to receive his EA Degree. Congratulations to Joseph.

Other present were Charlie Murphy, (top row left) Past Grand Master of Ohio. The inspecting officer was DDGM Jim Parsons (to the right of candidate). Local Masons present were (first row left to right): Jesse Spillman, Past Master; Junior Deacon Wyatt Zulch; Worshipful Master Shane Zulch. Also present is Kyle Long, Secretary (2nd row to left of candidate); above Long and to the left is Jeff Mills, Senior Deacon: and to the left of Mills is Treasurer Garrett Trausch. The men with red ties are visiting Shriners from Zenobia Valley.





ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

YORK RITE STATED MEETING

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, March 5. It will be opened on the Council, with Jay Minick, Illustrious Master presiding. A light meal will be preceding the meeting at 6:15 PM. The meeting will open at 7:00 PM.

NORTH INDIANA GRAND COMMANDERY ACADEMY

Four members of Angola York Rite attended the Grand Commandery Academy on January 31 at the Masonic Lodge in Warsaw. Representing Angola were Jimmie Milleman, Michael Anderdon, Glen Rogers and Paul Friend.





Several officers of the Grand Commandery were present to conduct the meeting, offering information to those present. Dominic Hamblin, incoming Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana (standing right) presented what he plans of doing during his tenure as Grand Commander, which will start in late April, 2026. Also present was current Grand Commander, Joe Sparks, seated third from right.

Representatives from numerous Commanderies in northeastern Indiana were present at this informative meeting. Look at all those Black Blazers – this was not the red or purple blazer day.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Angola York Rite is sponsoring Pastor Rich Warren of Restoration Ministries, located at 9030 W. US 20, Angola Indiana, to the Holy Land. The trip is now taking place. Upon his return he will make a presentation to York Rite or interested Lodges.

TRI-STATE YORK RITE FESTIVAL

The 53rd annual York Rite Festival to start this Saturday. The second day of the festival will be in Bryan Ohio on February 7.



**YORK RITE MEMBERS,
WHERESOEVER DISPERSED, MAY
ATTEND. SEVERAL CANDIDATES ARE
READY TO START THEIR DEGREES.**

**Make sure you have turned in your name if you are staying
for the noon meal.**

The location of the two weekends are as follows:

Saturday, February 28, 2026 Angola IN Lodge

Saturday, March 7, 2026 Bryan OH Lodge

Degrees start at 9:00 AM each Saturday. Noon meal to be served.
Meal cost to be paid as you register.

Tri-State time schedule and casting the work

FEBRUARY 28, 2026 IN ANGOLA, INDIANA **CAPITULAR******

**9:00 a.m. Mark Master Degree - Indiana Chapters
10:15 a.m. Past Master Degree - Ohio Chapters
11:00 a.m. Most Excellent Master Degree - Indiana Chapters
12:00 Noon meal
12:45 p.m. Royal Arch Degree - Grand Chapter of Indiana**

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**2:15 p.m. Royal Master Degree - Ft. Wayne 33rds
3:00 p.m. Select Master Degree - Combined Ohio Councils**

MARCH 7, 2026 IN BRYAN, OHIO **COMMANDERY ORDERS******

**9:00 a.m. Order of the Red Cross - Combination of States
10:15 a.m. Order of Malta - Bill Pond, Ft. Wayne Commandery
10:45 a.m. Chamber of Reflection
10:45 a.m. Yeomen of York Meeting
11:45 a.m. Noon Meal**

12:45 p.m. Order of the Temple - Bryan Commandery #74

The Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Indiana, and Ohio are invited to attend to be introduced to the candidates. Comments will be received from these distinguished guests. Pictures to be taken.

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 groups



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

The next Pokagon Shrine Club stated meeting will be on Thursday, March 19, 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 small 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 or Jeff Stanford for details.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2026 ARE:

Jeff Stanford - President/Treasurer
John Tchinski - Secretary



STATED MEETINGS

The next Ft. Wayne Valley Scottish Rite meeting is on Tuesday March 10, 2026, at the downtown Freemasons Hall (not Mizpah Shrine building).

There will be a meal from 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM, with the meeting to follow. A main feature of the March meeting is the Masonic Youth night. DeMolay and Jobs Daughters will discuss their organizations – an educational night for Masons. A meal count is requested to ensure adequate food for the evening. Ladies of the Rite are invited to assist in preparing Easter cards for the Valley widows.

The following stated meetings will be April 14, May 12, and June 9, 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". You will receive a code that will allow you to access the following degrees.

Mark your calendars! Thursday Night at the Rite starts continues of February 12 and 26! Below are the degrees and dates you can watch.

Degree Schedule:

22° Prince of Libanus, March 12

29° Knight of Saint Andrew, March 26

Chris Prentice is going to be opening DeKalb Lodge #214 on March 26, for the Thursday Night at the Rite, when the 29th degree is being shown. This is open to all Master Masons who would like to begin their Scottish Rite journey. The fee to petition is \$150. Dinner is at 6pm. Degree work at 7pm.

SCOTTISH RITE ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for this scholarship can now be submitted to the Scottish Rite Office, located at Stoney Creek in Ft. Wayne. Deadline for applying is May 1, 2026, submitted of Scottish Rite Valley office in Ft. Wayne. Applications are available online. Open for students who will be attending universities in the fall of 2026. Offered to students related to a current or deceased Scottish Rite member (children or grandchildren, etc).

WINE TASTING/SILENT AUCTION – MARCH 14, 2026 ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE NECESSARY



*SWING INTO
SPRING
WINE TASTING*

Welcome the season in style with an evening of smooth jazz, vintage charm, silent auctions & vibrant wines and food pairings that capture the spirit of spring.

Saturday, March 14, 2026
Doors open at 6:00 PM
Ceruti's Summit Park
6601 Innovation Boulevard
Fort Wayne, IN 46818

\$45.00 per ticket
To purchase tickets, scan the QR Code order online or call 260-423-2593



Dress Code: Spring vintage cocktail attire encouraged – think pastel 1940s!



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 years or older.

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 (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.**