

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2023

Lodge

Angola #236
Star #225
Northeastern #210
Forest #239
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Meridian Sun #76
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Benton Davis
Benjamin Taylor
Rick Rossi
Tim Smith
Stacey Roth
Dean Shipe
Michael Gettys
Parker Terry
Lee Ray Owen
Adam Butler

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Dave Hardiek
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Aaron Wade
Chuck Miller
David Roose

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236 NEWS

ANGOLA LODGE #236 TO HOST FIRST DEGREE OF YORK RITE

In the three Blue Lodge degrees a candidate at the altar hears the words, “Light,” “More Light,” and “Further Light”. One of the best ways for one to receive extended “light” and knowledge of what is being conveyed in the Blue Lodge degrees is through York Rite. READ ON!!

A Blue Lodge member in good standing can receive the first degree of York Rite (Mark Master Degree) on June 6 at the Angola Masonic Lodge, following a 6:30 meal and a brief Angola Stated meeting. There is no cost to take this 1st York Rite degree and there is no obligation to continue. If one desires to continue with York Rite, then the signing of a petition and the cost of joining York Rite will be necessary in order to receive the second and subsequent York Rite degrees and orders.

It is the intent for the York Rite bodies of Angola and Auburn to work together to complete all the 9 York Rite degrees and orders as expedient as possible. This will require a series of degree week nights or weekend days to complete. If there are any Blue Lodge members interested, please contact a local York Rite member to indicate your interest to join.

Any Blue Lodge member within shouting distance of Angola is invited to attend this opportunity – whether you live in Steuben, LaGrange, Noble, DeKalb, Allen (any county in Indiana). All you have to do is notify a member of Angola so we know you are planning to attend. If you eventually join York Rite, you can join York Rite in any Indiana existing cities as Angola, Auburn, Ft. Wayne or the closest York Rite body closest to where you live. We want you to experience one of lessons taught in the York Rite work.

We want to extend this invitation to any Master Mason. If you don't know who to call, notify Paul Friend (260-402-6122) and he will help direct you to your closest opportunity. Current York Rite members may attend the June 6 event also, please let us know you are going to attend.

ANGOLA LODGE #236 BUILDING NEARING 100 YEARS OLD

Construction of the current Angola Masonic Lodge building began on April 1, 1923, the cornerstone laid on August 21, 1923, and the building dedicated on St. Johns Day on June 24, 1924. To celebrate the buildings 100 years of existence, a special coin has been struck to help commemorate the 100 year building. You can purchase the coin for \$10.00 from any local member.



An event to celebrate the 100th Birthday of the Angola Masonic Lodge Building is being planned. The Lodge will have an open house, a celebration with representatives of the Grand Lodge and displays. It is planned for the morning of Saturday, June 24, 2023.

The public will be invited to tour the building and be able to observe the pictures of the Angola Past Masters which has recently been placed on the south side of the dining room hall.

BLUE LODGE ENTERED APPRENTICE CAST

Angola Lodge #236 had the privilege to cast the Entered Apprentice Degree in Ft. Wayne on April 22 for the one day Blue Lodge class. The cast included (l to r): Glen Rogers, Junior Steward; Brant Moore, Senior Warden; Jay Minick, Senior Deacon; Benton Davis, Worshipful Master; Nate Fultz, Senior Steward; Mike Anderson, Junior Warden; Paul Friend, Junior Deacon; and Mike Stephenson, Chaplain. There were a total of 19 candidates who completed their Masonic Degrees.



NORTHEASTERN LODGE #210 (Fremont) NEWS

Northeastern Lodge #210, continues its' Monday morning coffee and donuts at its Lodge building in Fremont. They will continue to meet throughout the year. Meet around 8:00 AM for fellowship and leave when necessary (usually close to 9:00 AM).

The lodge is located a half block east of the 4 way stop, on the north side of State Road 120. If there is nobody at the Lodge (ground level), they will be at the new restaurant a couple buildings to the east.

STAR LODGE (ORLAND) #225

**ORLAND MASONIC
STAR LODGE #225 RAFFLE**

1ST PRIZE:
GLOCK 43X 9MM PISTOL or \$500
MSRP: \$600



2ND PRIZE:
LKCI-ETERNAL-S12 ST-12 GA SHOTGUN
MSRP: \$325



3RD PRIZE:
MR. BRATZ \$250 GIFT CERTIFICATE



4TH PRIZE:
BLACKSTONE 28" GRIDDLE
MSRP: \$235



TICKETS: \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20
DRAWING 7/30/2023

It's time for the annual raffle by Star Lodge. This year there are 4 winners to be drawn. The poster shows the prizes and their value.

Tickets may be purchased from a local member, who I'm sure will be carrying them around to Masonic events.

The drawing will be on July 30.

STAR LODGE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

Scheduled for Thursday, May 25 at 6:00 PM. Meal at 5:30 PM in Orland.

CONCORD LODGE #556 (SPENCERVILLE)

Concord Lodge officers will be opening the Indiana Grand Lodge Annual Communication on Tuesday, May 16 in Indianapolis.

AVILLA LODGE #460

Avilla Lodge will be having their 150th year rededication, conducted by the Indiana Grand Lodge on Wednesday, May 3, at 7:30 PM. Masons attending will be eating at St. James Restaurant at 5:45 PM (pay for your own dinner), then adjourn to the Lodge building for the rededication. Masons only to attend.

LEO LODGE #224

Thursday, May 4 – Stated meeting – Dinner at 6 – Meeting at 7

Thursdays, May 11, 18 and 25 Degrees?

Thursday, June 1 – Stated meeting – Dinner at 6 – Meeting at 7

Dark in July and August

In April newly raised Master Masons included: Adam Bergmanm; Michael Fugate; Brian Jennings, Matt Newbauer and Bob Gager. New Mason in March was Aaron Replogle. There will be three new petitions to vote on at May stated meeting. WM Adam Butler appreciates the participation of members in degree work. “Keep using the trowel.”

Members urged to bring your family to enjoy food and fellowship at these meetings.

SEARCH FOR PAST MASTER FAMILIES CONTINUES!!

It is a pleasure to introduce Sylvester S. Fitch, Worshipful Master of Angola Lodge #236 in 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869 and 1870. Yes, that's 9 years in a row. Sylvester was born in 1815 and passed away in 1883. I was led to his gggranddaughter Rose Clark who now lives in Ft. Wayne. She had the below picture to share with us.



There are now only 9 pictures to be found, who includes:

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| 1858 – Jesse Squire | 1874 – Simeon Latson | 1884 – Otto Schultz |
| 1897 – Fred Snyder | 1909 – Clyde Ritter | 1921 – Earl Dole |
| 1927 – Ken Rathbun | 1937 – Wayland Seely | 1952 – Jack Johnson |

I have made contacts with the following Past Master families, but have not received their pictures yet: William Foutz, Robert Fitzwater, James Clark, Richard Sell, Mike Cozad and Barret Sanborn. Urging needed for these Past Masters to send us a picture.

A total of 107 are now adorning the dining room wall. We have had 122 different Past Masters of Angola Lodge #236, since the Lodge was chartered in 1858.

Finding these Past Masters was/is a great challenge. We need your help to find pictures of our remaining Past Masters! I have no clue on where to find some of the early Masters unless you can find me some of their descendants. Give me the names of family, and I will contact.



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

Angola York Rites' next stated meeting is on Thursday, May 4. This will be different in that it will be a Templar Board – meaning it will start with a meal at 6:30 PM in the dining hall which is a “festive” event. Your lady is invited. Guests are invited from other Masonic York Rite groups.

The Officers of Angola Commandery have reading parts as part of the festive event. Scripts will be furnished.

The Past Commanders of Angola Commandery #45 will recognized.

The guest speaker for the Templar Board will be Father Tom Adamson of the Holy Family Episcopal Church, Angola. Father Tom returned from the Holy Land Pilgrimage, whose costs were was sponsored by Angola Commandery #45.

Dress is casual.

GLEN ROGERS RECOGNIZED AT THE GRAND COMMANDERY GRAND SESSION LAST WEEK

Glen Rogers (center), a member of Angola York Rite, received the Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT) award from the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. It was presented last week at the Indiana Grand Commandery Conclave. Congratulations to Glen!

The picture includes: (l to r) Phil Whisner, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana; Martin Trent, East Central Department Commander; Glen Rogers, Angola York Rite (KCT Recipient); Chris Steel, Greenfield York Rite (KCT Recipient) and Jeff Bolstad, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment (USA).



PAUL FRIEND RECOGNIZED AT GRAND COUNCIL SESSION

Paul Friend received the Cryptic Service Award from the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana. It was presented by David Miller, Most Illustrious Grand Master and David Ulrich, Grand Recorder. Yours truly is certainly appreciatively of this Royal Honor. It will be cherished for the rest of my lifetime.

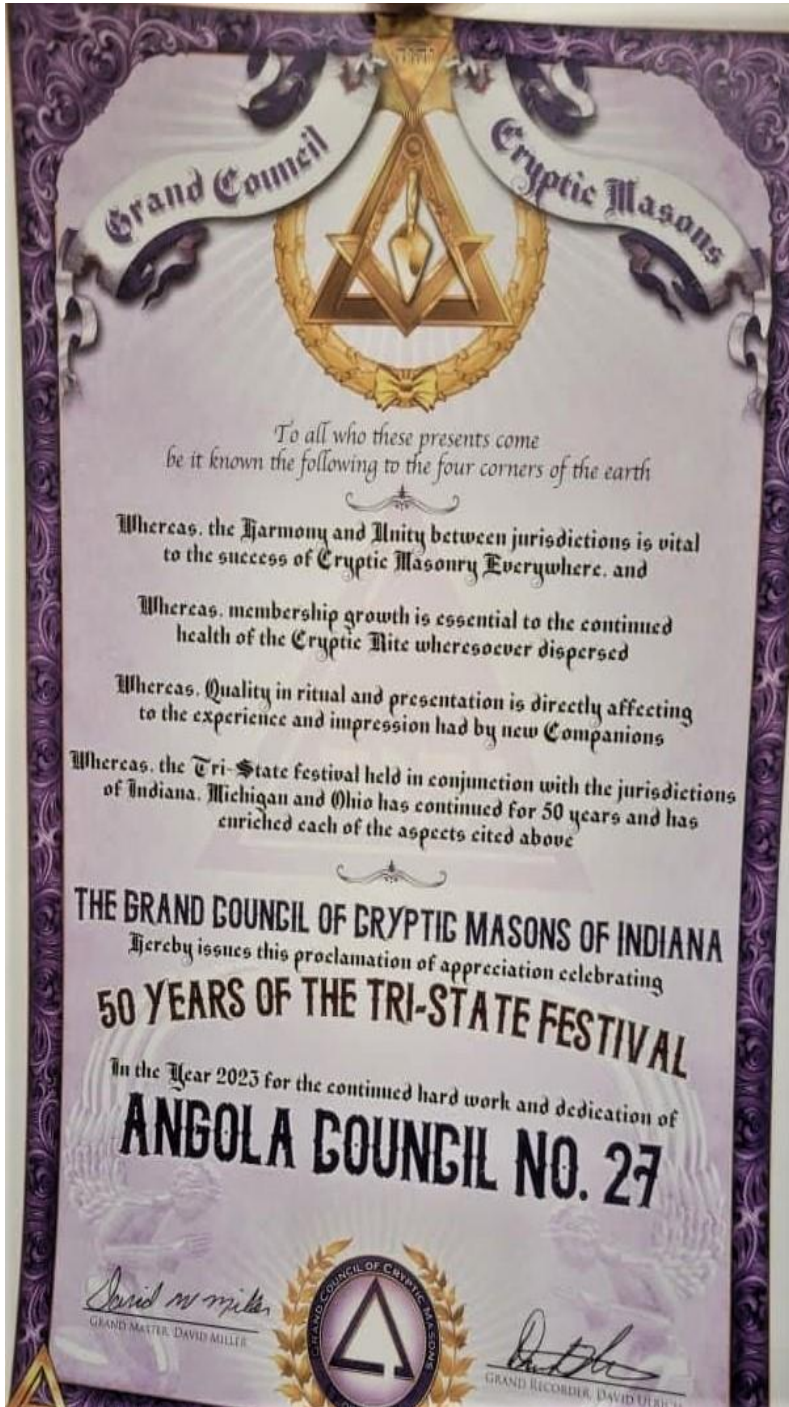


JIM DAVIS – INDIANA GRAND COUNCIL LINE

Our congratulations go to Jim Davis of Angola York Rite for being elevated in the Grand Council Cryptic Mason line. Jim is now the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana. Next year at this time he should be elected to the highest Office of Indiana Cryptic Masons as he will serve as Most Illustrious Grand Master.



INDIANA GRAND COUNCIL RECOGNIZES ANGOLA COUNCIL NO. 27



The Indiana Grand Council issued a Proclamation of Appreciation to Angola Council No. 27 for its' part in serving 50 Years with the Tri-State Festival. Paul Friend received the award on behalf of Angola Council.

Since the Tri-State Festival started in 1974, the Masonic Lodge of Angola has been the host site for the Festival, since that is where Angola Council meets.

Although Angola has hosted the Festival, the appreciation in reality goes to all the York Rite Masons throughout Indiana who have promoted, casted and have faithfully attended the festival, going all the way back to 1974 until the present.

The insight of our early York Rite Masons in starting the Festival has resulted in dozens of Master Masons becoming York Rite members.

DAN ERNSBERGER RECOGNIZED



Dan Ernsberger, Eminent Commander of Angola Commandery #45 was recognized at the Grand Commandery Conclave last week by receiving the Eminent Commander's Certificate of Merit Award. Congratulations to Dan. Job well done!

CURRENT ANGOLA YORK RITE PRESIDING OFFICERS

**High Priest of Angola Chapter #58 is John Doehrman.
Illustrious Master of Angola Council #27 is Benton Davis.
Eminent Commander Angola Commandery #45 is Dan Ernsberger.
The Secretary/Recorder of Angola York Rite is Jimmie Milleman.**

50TH ANNIVERSARY TRI-STATE FESTIVAL COIN AVAILABLE

This coin was struck to help commemorate 50 years of the Tri-State Festival in 2023. The Festival started in 1974 and has rotated its' venue in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.



The coin was distributed during the Festival. Coins are available to purchase for \$10 from York Rite members in northeast Indiana. Coins are also available from Ken Crouch in Ohio and Donald Trumbull in Michigan.

YEOMEN OF YORK – ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2



ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY #2 **SUMMER OUTING WITH LADIES - SATURDAY, JULY 22**

Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2 will have its summer outing with the ladies on Saturday, July 22. It will be a BUFFET meal at 11:00 AM at Rita's in Edgerton, OH. (103 N Michigan Street, Edgerton) It will be a buffet, which will cost \$22.00 each. There will be a short meeting to follow the meal.

Reservations needed by July 15 to Donald Trumbull, Preceptory Secretary at 734-775-4045 or email at trumballdonald@gmail.com.



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETINGS

The next Scottish Rite stated meeting is on Tuesday May 9. It will be held at the Ft. Wayne Mizpah Shrine building. Dinner will be at 6:15 PM with meeting to follow. The meeting includes the Election of Officers for the 2023 - 2024 year.

The installation of officers will be held at Mizpah Shrine on May 13. Officers wear tux with others wearing suit and tie. Meal reservations required to the SR Office.

The annual appreciation cookout is at Mizpah Shrine Horse Grounds in Columbia city on Tuesday, June 13. There is no cost but a reservation is requested.



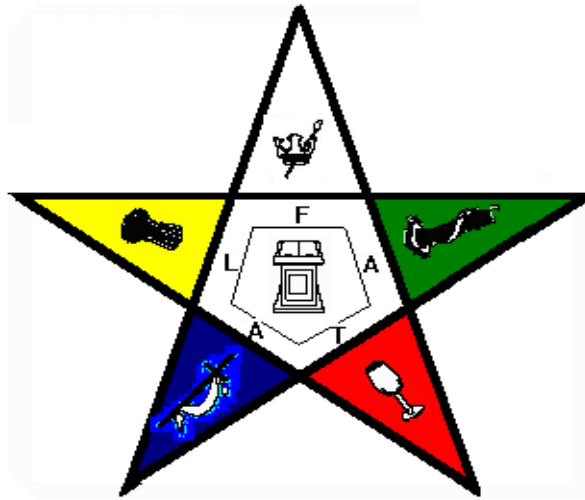
POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING IN MAY 2023

The stated meetings of the Pokagon Shrine Club will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on May 17. You are invited to order your meal around 6:15 PM and enjoy fellowship while you eat, with the meeting starting around 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Glendarin Golf Course Clubhouse.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2023 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.**

**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

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| Angola #236 | 1st Tuesday | 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 |