

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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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	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 MAY 5, 2026

Angola Lodge #236 will hold its' next stated meeting on Tuesday, May 5. Light meal at 6:15 PM with meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

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 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

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.

KENDALLVILLE LODGE #276



Kendallville Lodge #276 will be hosting its' first annual car show on May 2. At will donations for coffee and donuts. This is a fund raiser for their lodge.

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.

CONCORD LODGE (SPENCERVILLE) #556

Summer Donuts

Concord Lodge will again be making donuts three times during the summer as a fund raiser project. We want to say Thank You to the Spencerville OES for allowing us to use the donut trailer and to provide some help. The dates are: Sat. May 16th (start at 8:00 am) Sat. June 13th, and Sat. July 18th. **We need help on those days!!!**

Grand Lecturer Give Talk at Concord

Brother Denny Davis, PM and Grand Lecturer gave a talk on The Importance of Masonic Ritual at the March 10th stated meeting. Brother Davis wrote this talk for the purpose of Masonic Education. Concord Lodge was the first time he made this presentation. It was very good and we thank Brother Denny for coming and doing this at Concord.



Grand Master's Award

Concord Lodge is working towards the 2026 Grand Master's award. This requires several activities such as traveling to other Lodges, conferring degrees, attending Grand Lodge events, and other activities. The 2026 officers feel that doing these activities will strengthen and improve our Lodge. Please plan on helping Concord achieve this goal.

Concord Lodge is Working on a Calling Committee

Secretary Jim Rosenbury, PM has broken down our roster into groups so that the officers can contact our members just to chat. The 2026 officers feel this is a very good way to communicate with everyone about what is happening in Lodge. Hopefully, everyone will enjoy hearing about Concord Lodge and just talking with a Brother for a while.

Concord Lodge is Hosting the 2026 Feast of St. John Dinner/Table Lodge

Concord Lodge is hosting the 2026 Feast of St. Johns dinner and table Lodge. We have time to get prepared as the date is Monday December 28th. So, just get the date on your calendars now.

Future Dates

When	What	Time	Where
May 12	Stated meeting dinner/Lodge	6:30/7:30 PM	Concord Lodge
May 16	Make donuts	8:00 AM	Concord Lodge
May 19 & 20	Grand Lodge	All Day	Indianapolis
June 9	Stated meeting dinner/Lodge	6:30/7:30 PM	Concord Lodge
June 13	Make donuts	8:00 AM	Concord Lodge
June 17	Making donuts	6:30 AM	Concord Lodge
July 14	State meeting dinner/Lodge	6:30/7:30 PM	Concord Lodge
July 18	Make donuts	8:00 AM	Concord Lodge
Future stated meeting dates (second Tuesday of each month) August 11 th , September 8 th , October 13 th , November 10 th , and December 8 th			
December 28	Feast of St. John dinner	6:00 PM	Concord Lodge

NOTE: DeKalb County Fair is September 28 through October 2. Put it on your calendars now!

As the weather warms up, let us look forward to new opportunities for growth, kindness, resilience and Brotherly love. Together, let us continue to inspire and support one another. Until we meet again in person and in the pages of our next issue, may your days be filled with joy, peace, and the unwavering belief in your limitless potential. Come to Lodge. You will enjoy it.

Danny Patterson, WM and Jim Rosenbury, PM and Secretary

LEO LODGE #224

Leo Lodge #224

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, May 9, we will continue our discussions.

On April 16 , Leo Lodge conducted a FC Degree and passed 2 worthy Brothers. Congratulations to Brothers Israel Chapa and Stanley Shipe!



Leo Lodge #224 holds Stated Meetings on the first Thursday of the month; Dinner at 6 PM, Work at 7 PM. We make every effort to keep our calendar up to date ([Leo Masonic Lodge #224](#)). We also post degrees/events on our 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](#)).



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

YORK RITE STATED MEETING

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be on Thursday May 7. 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.

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.

CALENDAR OF DEGREE WORK FOR NORTHEAST INDIANA

May 1: Royal Arch Degree at Crawfordsville Meal 6:30

May 2: Orders of Red Cross and Malta – DeKalb Lodge

May 4: Mark Master Degree at Ft. Wayne Masonic Temple

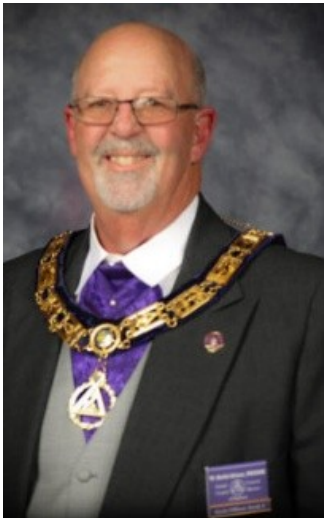
May 23: DeKalb Council to confer 2 Council Degrees

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**

**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.

Photos and news of the three Grand York Rite Sessions of Indiana will be in next months' newsletter. Attendees may send pictures taken and news about the photos will be included.



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

There were 12 candidates for 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.

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

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).

Hold the date! Any Yeomen of York member of an Indiana Preceptory is welcome to attend.

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:

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 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 made a nomination or have a new name to nominate, please turn them in again to Companion Crouch so preparation can be made for induction at the October 17 Annual Meeting



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

The next Pokagon Shrine Club stated meeting will be on Thursday, May 21, 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

Directors Announcement from Bob Tracey

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

The poster features a background of a golf course with green grass and trees under a blue sky with light rays. At the top, the text 'Mizpah Shrine Directors' is written in a large, black, serif font. Below this, the words 'Golf' and 'Open' are written in a large, white, cursive font with black outlines. In the center, there is a circular logo with a red border containing a gold eagle with wings spread, a gold star, and the words 'MIZPAH' at the top and 'DIRECTORS' at the bottom. Two golf clubs are crossed behind the logo. Below the logo, the text 'June 6, 2026 - 8am' and 'Garrett Country Club' is written in a large, black, serif font. A white rectangular box contains registration information: 'Team Name: _____', 'Golfer 1: _____ Phone: _____', 'Golfer 2: _____ Phone: _____', 'Golfer 3: _____ Phone: _____', and 'Golfer 4: _____ Phone: _____'. Below this box, the text '\$80 Per Player • Total Per Team is \$320' is written in bold. Further down, it says 'Mulligans • Skin Game', 'Registration @ 7:00am • Tee Off @ 8:00am', and 'Lunch at the Turn • Awards Following'. At the bottom, it says 'Call in or send this form to:', 'Bob Tracey bob@pier1977.com (260) 414-2739', '1015A Memorial Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805', and 'Make Checks Payable to Mizpah Shrine Directors'.

**Mizpah Shrine
Directors**

Golf  Open

**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
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STATED MEETINGS

The next Ft. Wayne Valley Scottish Rite meeting is on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at the Mizpah Shrine building in Ft. Wayne. This will be the meeting to elect officers for next year. There will be a dinner at 6:15 PM, followed by the meeting.

The following stated meetings will be June 9, and July 14 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.**

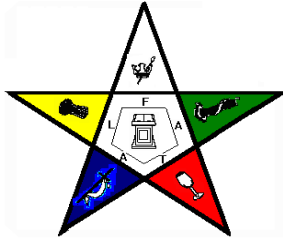
**Spencerville Chapter #386 meets at Concord Masonic Lodge #556. The Secretary is Becky Hoover (260-452-6743). Email: hooverbecky@hotmail.com
Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Dark Jan & Feb.**

**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 years or older.



Grand Sentinel- ***John Auld*** Salsa, Smiles & Sentinel

Success

On March 14, 2026, a delicious Mexican Dinner fundraiser was held at the Spencerville Community Building in Spencerville, Indiana in support of the Steering Committee for the Grand Sentinel, John Auld.

Guests enjoyed a hearty meal featuring two enchiladas, a hard taco, beans, rice, and a drink. Every dish was prepared from SCRATCH by members of District 21 and their families- and the results were FABULOUS.

The event was well attended, with many coming back for carry-outs after enjoying their meals. One enthusiastic supporter even stopped by near the end of the evening, asked what items were still available, and purchased several to serve at a large family gathering later that weekend! The Steering Committee extends its sincere thanks to everyone who attended- both Eastern Star, Masonic, and community members alike- as well as to all those who generously gave their time and effort who prepared the food, served guests, and assist with setup and clean-up. Your support made this event a wonderful success!

Pictured Left: Vickie Ortiz, Mary Rangel, Monica Wilson, Janna Lepper, Corrie Sanchez, Rachel Arendse, Sherri Auld, Barb Oster.

Pictured Right: Rachel Arendse, Jonna Lepper.



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.**