

# 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 APRIL 7, 2026

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

## **ANGOLA LODGE #236 SOCIAL NIGHTS**

**Angola Lodge plans to continue its' social nights (second Wednesdays). No known date and location for April at this time.**

**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.**

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

**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.**

## **STAR LODGE (ORLAND) #225**

**Star Lodge 225 is beginning to put together their 2026 raffle. They are going to raffle: First prize: Henry H4 "God Bless America" Tribute Edition 22 Cal rifle, \$1429.00 MSRP; Second prize: a DeWalt 20V Max Cordless 9 tool Combo Kit, \$999.00 MSRP; Third Prize: Sportsman's Warehouse Gift Card, \$200 value.**

**Star Lodge is starting a social night at the Orland American Legion on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30. All Steuben County Masons are invited and encourage Masons bring a non-Mason that may be interested in joining the fraternity.**

## 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 also having an education night every Wednesday evening at 7pm. They're currently going through the EA degree.**

## ASHLEY LODGE #614

Ashley Lodge #614 raised two Master Masons on Saturday March 14. Pictured (all from Ashley Lodge except those listed with a Lodge name) are front: Neal Lockwood; Dale Kennedy (candidate); Nick Shipe - Worshipful Master; Denny Winebrenner (candidate); Paul Doychak and Glen Rogers (Angola #236). (Back): Dan Ernsberger (Star #225); Paul Kennedy; Benton Davis (Angola #236); Dale Warstler; and Scott Barnhart. Not pictured (taking picture) was Paul Friend (Angola #236).

The ladies served of breakfast of biscuits and gravy, prior to the work. Paul Kennedy served as Worshipful Master, presiding over his son Dale Kennedy and Denny Winebrenner as candidates.



**KENDALLVILLE LODGE #276**



**Kendallville Lodge #276 will be hosting a first annual car show. 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 #556**

**At the March 10<sup>th</sup> stated meeting, Grand Lecturer Denny Davis, PM made a presentation on "The Importance of Ritual". Concord Lodge was the first time Brother Denny made his presentation, so we were the test site. The Ritual is our heritage, and it ties us to our past was the message. Also, learning the Ritual work shows commitment to the Lodge and Brothers. This was a very good presentation. There were 17 Brothers in attendance representing 5 Lodges.**

**Brother Denny gave a talk on "That Guy" which talks about new members not feeling a part of the Lodge. This is something that all Lodges can work on. Attached is the "That Guy" presentation for you to read and potentially discuss at a future stated meeting.**

**Concord had five Brothers attend the Grand Master's Area Conference at Waynedale Lodge 739 on March 25th.**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> stated meeting, Concord Lodge will be having Brothers of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite attending to make a presentation.**

**Dinner - 6:30 pm**

**Lodge - 7:30 pm**

**Summer donuts at Concord:**

**Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> - 9 to 2 at the Lodge in Spencerville**

**Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> - 9 to 2 at the Lodge and Riverdale Youth League park (behind Riverdale elementary school in St. Joe)**

**Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> - 9 to 2 at the Lodge and 10 to 6 at the Pickle Fest in St. Joe**

**Spencerville OES:**

**The Grand Chapter visit to District 21 is April 7<sup>th</sup> at Ashley Lodge. There will be a dinner at 6:00 pm and Chapter at 7:00 pm. Please check with an OES member to get the exact times and further information.**

**Brother Denny Davis gave a talk on "That Guy" which talks about new members not feeling a part of the Lodge. This is something that all Lodges can work on. The key portions of "That Guy" presentation are listed below.**

## **AM I OVERLOOKING THE OBVIOUS?**

**I'm the guy!**

**I'm the guy who joined our organization.**

**I'm the guy who paid dues to join.**

**I'm the guy who stood up front of all of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.**

**I'm the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid attention to.**

**I tried several times to be friendly with some of the fellows, but they all had their own buddies to sit next to.**

**I sat down several times, but no one paid attention to me.**

**I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in something, but nobody noticed when I volunteered.**

**I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there.**

**Nobody asked me at the next meeting where I'd been. I guess it didn't matter.**

**It didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not.**

**At the next meeting I decided to stay home and watch television. The following meeting I attended but nobody asked where I was at the last meeting.**

**You might say I'm a good guy, a good family man who holds a responsible job, who loves his community and country.**

**You know what else I am? I'm the guy who never came back.**

**It amuses me to think they spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time.**

**All they need to do was to make me feel needed and wanted and welcome!**

**Brother Davis ended his presentation by asking you "Have I ever considered asking that crusty old cogger or new guy whether he has insights into solving very complex Lodge events because he's had a lot of time to see what's happening or he might well have fresh new perspectives we've never dreamed about?"**



Dinner at Concord Lodge 556



Brothers that attended Concord Lodge presentation by Denny Davis. Five Lodges were in attendance:  
Concord, King, Leo, Roanoke, and ACME

## **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, April 4, we will continue our discussions.**

**Leo Lodge is also holding Degree Ritual Practice on the first Saturday of the month from 11 AM - 1 PM at the lodge. This month we will be working on the FC Degree. All are welcome.**

**On March 12, Leo Lodge conducted an EA Degree and initiated Brother Stan Shipe (center below).**



**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](#)).**



## **ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS**

### **YORK RITE STATED MEETING**

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, April 2. 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 the announcements next month.

### **CALENDAR OF DEGREE WORK IN INDIANA**

**April 28: Mark Master Degree at Columbia City Lodge**

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

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

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

**May 23: DeKalb Council to confer 2 Council Degrees**

# **TRI-STATE YORK RITE FESTIVAL**

## **ANGOLA HOSTED THE FIRST DAY OF TRI-STATE FESTIVAL**

The festival hosted in Angola on February 28, 2026, was attended by approximately 65 York Rite members and 12 candidates. The picture below shows a snapshot taken at the end of the day, with 9 of the candidates in the front row, with white aprons (3 missing). All the candidates were from York Rite bodies in Indiana: Angola – 2; Auburn – 3; Elkhart – 1; Ft. Wayne – 5; and Grant Co – 1. The candidate names include: Angola – Andrew Marshall and Jerry Glenn; Auburn – Kyle Foreman, Justin Lees and Kelley Ash; Ft. Wayne – Daniel Miller, Logan Schulp, Jeff Hooten, Daniel Reed and Chris Meehan; Elkhart – Geoffrey Rancourt; and Grant County David Fidler II.

Several distinguished guests were present. We point out Indiana Grand High Priest - Jason Miller (2<sup>nd</sup> row middle with red Blazer) and Indiana Most Illustrious Grand Master Todd Carpenter – 2<sup>nd</sup> row middle purple blazer. The picture also includes several York Rite distinguished officers, Ohio cast members and current members from Indiana and Ohio.





**Angola York Rite, who hosted the first day of the festival are shown: (front rows left to right); Bob Hocker, Mike Anderson; A.J. Hocker; Richard Muntz; candidates for Angola York Rite - Jerry Glenn and Andrew Marshall; Benton Davis; Jimmie Milliman; Glen Rogers and James Davis. Jason Miller, Indiana Grand High Priest and Todd Carpenter, Most Illustrious Grand Master are in the back row**

**Angola members present but not in picture were Jay Minick, Dan Ernsberger, Brant Moore, Ian Mountfield and Paul Friend.**

**DINING HALL OF ANGOLA LODGE SERVING NOON LUNCHEON**



**BRYAN OHIO HOSTS OF THE SECOND DAY OF TRI-STATE FESTIVAL**

**Bryan Ohio York Rite, hosted the second day of the festival. Photo shows the following: (front row 1 to r) A. J. Hocker; Angola candidate Jerry**

**Glenn; Angola candidate Andrew Marshall; Indiana Grand Commander, Joseph Sparks; Ft Wayne candidate Logan Schlup; Ian Mountfield; Auburn candidate Kelley Ash; and Chris Prentice. (back two rows): Robert Hocker; Ft Wayne candidate Daniel Reed; Alan Rossi; Elkhart candidate Geoffrey Rancourt; Dathen Reed, Grand Captain General of Indiana; Dominic Hamblin, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of Indiana; Paul Friend, Past Grand Commander of Indiana; Robert Muntz; Ron Ross, Arch 2 Officer of the Grand Council; Jimmie Milleman, Recorder of Angola York Rite and Danny Patterson, Grand Prelate Emeritus of Indiana.**

**There was a total of 12 new members to join York Rite in Indiana – not all were present for this picture.**



**Grand Commander Joseph Sparks of Indiana, with Meridian Sun #76 Lodge members who are part of Angola York Rite includes: current member Robert Muntz, new member Jerry Glenn and new member Andrew Marshall.**



**Mike Anderson (center), of Angola York Rite was presented a “Shield of God” award from cast members Bill Pond, who served as Prior of the Order of Malta and David Pass, Chaplain. It is an award presented by the Knights of Malta for their appreciation of his service to York Rite.**

## **YEOMEN OF YORK ACTIVITY**

## **GRAND YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY NEWS**

**The Annual Meeting of the Indiana Grand Yeomen of York will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026. Hold the date! Any member of an Indiana Preceptory are 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:**

<b>Director General</b>	<b>Jim Milleman</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
<b>Dep Director General</b>	<b>Matt Gloor</b>	<b>Ohio</b>
<b>General Sec/Treasurer</b>	<b>Danny Patterson</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
<b>Grand Master Ceremonies</b>	<b>Jesse Spillmen</b>	<b>Ohio</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Dominic Hamblin</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Ken Crouch</b>	<b>Ohio</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Mike Anderson</b>	<b>Indiana</b>

**Current Angola Preceptory members are reminded that nominees for new members are to be turned into Ken Crouch, new 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.**

## **MOORSEVILLE YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY #2**



**Moorsville Preceptory #19, which was formally chartered on August 7, 2025, is shown presenting Mrs. Windy McGowen, Director of the Special Needs Department of Moorsville Consolidated School Corporation, a donation check for \$700 to be used to provide sensory items for the special needs children of Morgan County. Moorsville has selected this as their outreach into the community. Yeomen members pictured include: Robert Addington II, Fred Golgart, Mark Baker and James Catania.**

### **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, April 16, 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, 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



### **STATED MEETINGS**

**The next Ft. Wayne Valley Scottish Rite meeting is on Tuesday April 14, 2026, at the Mizpah Shrine building in Ft. Wayne.**

**The following stated meetings will be May 12, 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.**

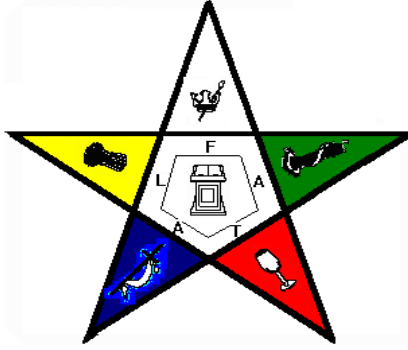
**Once you receive your 4<sup>th</sup> degree, which you can receive at any stated meeting (second Tuesdays at Mizpah Shrine Building in Ft. Wayne), you will be able to receive several of the remaining degrees at the convenience**

**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.**

**The series of Thursday Nite at the Rite has completed its’ series for the  
spring 2026, but will continue the series later this year.**

## **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).**



## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

*St. Martin's Healthcare  
of Garrett, Indiana*



*20<sup>th</sup>. Annual Tammy' Tea Party*

Spencerville Chapter Members along with Family and Friends, had 27 participants attended *the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Tammy's Tea* helping raise funds for **St Martin's Healthcare Clinic**. All proceeds from the event will support St. Martin's Healthcare mobile unit and the patients it serves. St. Martin's Healthcare Clinic provides cares for the uninsured and under-insured of DeKalb, Noble, LaGrange, Steuben Counties. Attendees enjoyed tea, lunch and desserts before the raffle drawings. A total of **56 donated baskets, 17 Experience Trips and (2) Florida Trips**. The Spencerville Eastern Star Members, Family and Friends donated items for a Warm and

Comfy Adult Basket. Our group was fortunate to win an Experience Trip to the Ft. Wayne Philharmonic with Supper for 4, as well as a Waterpark Pkg. for 4. These prizes were shared at our March meeting. In addition, personnel donations were also given toward the operations of the Mobile Unit for the Clinic.

Pictured Below are *1<sup>st</sup>* Row Lori DeWitt, Angie Sparkman. Kara Frye, *2<sup>nd</sup>*. Row Laura Dangler, Deborah Boylan, Rachel Arendse, Sophie Sparkman, Ari Lauer, Barb Oster, Diann Stienbarger. Becky Hoover. *3<sup>rd</sup>*. Row Stephanie Frye, Beth Stuery, Deb Wyse, Maddy Dangler, Donna Lentz, Dawn Tilkins, Suzette Rodgers, Hope Wojciechowski, Deb Wyse, Tracy Whan



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**BLUE LODGE STATED MEETING NIGHTS FOR NORTHEAST INDIANA**

<b>Angola #236</b>	<b>1st Tuesday</b>	<b>6:15 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>
	<b>Dark July/August</b>	
<b>Northeastern #210 (Fremont)</b>	<b>1st Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 Meeting</b>
		<b>Refreshments follow</b>
<b>Star #225 (Orland)</b>	<b>2nd Wednesday</b>	<b>6:15 Meal at Lodge</b>
		<b>7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Ashley #614</b>	<b>1st Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 Meeting</b>
		<b>Refreshments follow</b>
<b>DeKalb #214 (Auburn)</b>	<b>1st Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 Meeting</b>

<b>Forest #239 (Butler)</b>	<b>2nd Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Concord #556 (Spencerville)</b>	<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting</b>
<b>Meridian Sun #76 (LaGrange)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Every month</b>	<b>6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Kendallville #276</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b>	<b>6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting</b>
<b>Leo #224</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (Except July/Aug)</b>	<b>6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>

**\*\* Please inform Paul Friend if any of the dates or times listed above for meetings and meals are not correct.**