# **NORTHEAST INDIANA**

# **MASONIC NEWS**

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Lodge

#### **MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2025**

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**Worshipful Master** 

## **ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236**

Angola's next stated meeting is on Tuesday, September 2. Angola Lodge was dark in July and August. A meal will be served at 6:00 PM, with the meeting to follow. Paul Friend will receive his 50 year award of gold.

# PAUL FRIEND TO RECEIVE AWARD OF GOLD



Grand Master Randolph Seipel, of the Grand Lodge of Indiana will be attending Angola stated meeting to present Paul W. Friend with his 50 year award of gold on September 2 at the



Angola Masonic Lodge. There will be a meal and 6:00 PM with an open presentation of the 50 year award immediately after the meal in the Lodge room. The Lodge will be put to ease so the public and ladies can be part of the public presentation. In order to prepare for the meal, people are requested to send your plans to attend to Angola Lodge Secretary, Jay Minick at 260-908-5666.

Friend will also receive his 50 award of gold for York Rite on Thursday, September 4 at the Angola Masonic Lodge. A meal will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by a public presentation at 7:00 PM. To prepare for the meal, Masons and their ladies are requested to make reservations with Jimmie Millieman, York Rite Recorder at 260-667-7203 immediately.

# **50 Year Presentation to Vernard Hughes**

Angola Lodge did a courtesy 50-year presentation to Vernard Hughes from West Virginia at Angola Lodge. The recipient was Vernard Hughes (front row – second from left), who now resides in Angola. Glen Rogers Worshipful Master Lodge presented the award.



# **Rusty Nail Degree**

Angola Lodge has planned a Rusty Nail degree, under the leadership of Glen Rogers, Worshipful Master of Angola Lodge #236. The degree reviews the signs, meaning of the signs, working tools and their meanings, words, etc. of the three degrees?

It will be on Saturday morning September 20, at Angola Lodge with a breakfast around 8:30 AM, followed by the degree at 9:00 AM.

It takes several members who are assigned tasks to give and explain. One needs to look at the Monitor or online to find the content of the Rusty Nail degree, or easier yet the ritual can be sent to you, upon request from Glen. It would be given to those who want a better understanding, or to refresh the memory of long-term Masons.

Check with Glen if you are willing to assist. He is looking for volunteers (and would appreciate your help)!

#### GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Angola Lodge #236 had 3 recipients of the Grand Lodge Abbott Scholarship program: Quin Aldred, son of Andy Aldred PM; Gilbert Ruselink, grandson of Richard Ruselink PM; and Brody Friend, grandson of Paul Friend, PM. A total of 619 students from Indiana received scholarships for the 2025-26 academic season.

#### ANGOLA LODGE BACK DOOR REMOVED/REPLACED

The exit door on the northeast corner of Angola Lodge (seldom used) was replaced last week. The original door needed to be replaced because of safety reasons. It matches the front door. Above the door is a limestone block that reads "No 236 F and A M". In part financial assistance was received from the city of Angola (grant) and Angola York Rite.



#### **STAR LODGE #556 (ORLAND) RAFFLE**

# ORLAND MASONIC STAR LODGE #225 RAFFLE

#### **1ST PRIZE:**

SOG Tactical Knife, range finder, binoculars & backpack.

MSRP: \$550.00



#### 2ND PRIZE:

5-Piece DeWalt 20V tool set w/2 batteries & bag.

MSRP: \$450.00



#### **3RD PRIZE:**

Gift Card to Sportsman's Warehouse

MSRP: \$200



TICKETS: \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20

DRAWING 9/6/2025

**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN** 

#### Concord Lodge #556

Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> - Grand Master Pilgrimage Day at Schofield House, Madison, IN.

Summitt City Lodge 170 in Fort Wayne is sponsoring a bus trip to the Schofield House for the Grand Master's Pilgrimage Day. The bus will leave Summitt City Loge at 8:00 AM with coffee and donuts. Lunch will be at the Schofield House. The bus will return in the afternoon. The cost is \$50.00 per person says Jim Rosenbury. Contact Jerry DeLeon at 260-710-1855. There are only 40 seats on the bus. First come, first serve.

Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup> - Grand Lecturer Denny Davis will be at Concord Lodge 556 to do a Masonic Education program on Masonic Etiquette. All Lodges are welcome. Dinner at 6:30 pm and Lodge at 7:30 pm.

DeKalb County Fair Sept 22 through 27 - This means OES fair donuts. Let Jim Rosenbury know if anyone can help. 586-822-5407

## MERIDIAN SUN LODGE #76 (LAGRANGE) RAFFLE

Meridian Sun is having a raffle to help with the finances of their Lodge. In fact they are having TWO raffles, as shown below.

The winning tickets are to be drawn Friday October 10. This is their first announcement of the raffle – so you have plenty of time to contact a local member for a ticket or two.

Name:A442	DRAWING FOR  \$500.00 Albright's Gift Certificate Friday, October 10, 2025 To be given by  Meridian Sun Lodge #76 IN LIC #017662  "Proceeds to benefit Meridian Sun Lodge and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution"  Donation \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00  DRAWING FOR  Red not be Present to win
Name: Address: Phone:	DRAWING FOR  Charles Daly Honcho XL Tactical 12 ga. pump shotfgun  Friday, October 10, 2025 To be given by  Meridian Sun Lodge #76 IN LIC #017662  "Proceeds to benefit Meridian Sun Lodge and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution"  Donation \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00  DRAWING FOR  Red not be Present to win

#### **EDON LODGE (OHIO) #474**

Edon Lodge #474 will hold a FC degree on Monday September 8 at the Bryan Ohio Lodge, starting at 7:30 PM on Wes Mayer and Austin Mayer. A light meal will precede the degree

Edon Lodge now meets at Bryan Lodge for its' meeting since the Lodge building in Edon had some building maintenance issues.

Indiana Masons are invited to attend to observe the tactics of the degree, at it is different from Indiana tactics.



## **ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS**

#### YORK RITE STATED MEETING

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, September 4. The September meeting will be opening on the Commandery, with Mike Anderson, Eminent Commander presiding. Bring your sword and a ballcap. A practice will take place for the upcoming Inspection.

Paul Friend, long time member, will be receiving his 50 year award for being in York Rite. Friend served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana in 1988-1989. Joe Sparks, current Grand Commander and other York Rite State Officers will be present to recognize Friend.

There will be a light meal at 6:00 PM, followed by the 50 year presentation in the Lodge room. The presentation is open to the public – ladies invited. In order to prepare for the meal, reservations are requested to Jimmie Millimen, York Rite Recorder at 260-667-7203.

The stated meeting will follow.

# **Flag Presentation**

Angola York Rite attended a recent meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Fremont Library to present the United States Flag. Pictured below were Mike Anderson, DAR member Sherri Carpenter, A.C. Hocker and Jimmie Milliman, officers of Angola Commandery #45.



# THE 2026 TRI-STATE FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON:

Saturday, February 28, 2026 – Chapter and Council Degrees in Michigan

Saturday, March 7, 2026 - Commandery Orders in Ohio

#### PUT DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND HOLD OPEN!!

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

REMEMBER: Candidates are welcome from all three states and will be receiving the degrees and orders from excellent ritualists, which will leave a lasting understanding of Masonry when it concludes.

#### 2025 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

# ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2 YEOMEN ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2 will be on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Angola Lodge #236. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM. Coffee and donuts will be served starting at 9:00 AM. PUT THE DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR!

This is the same date as the Annual Inspection for Angola Commandery #45 and Apollo Commandery #19. Any York Rite member is invited to attend. The inspection will start after a noon meal.

# GRAND YEOMEN OF YORK OF INDIANA NEWS

# MOORESVILLE PRECEPTORY #19 YEOMEN CONSTITUTED



A new Indiana Preceptory was formed in Mooresville Indiana, located southwest of Indianapolis on August 7. Above are six chartering Masons who also were elected to the offices, as follows: Left to right is Knight Treasurer Stephen Roberts; Knight Recorder Robert Addington: Knight Director General Fred Golgart PDG: Knight Gen Secretary/Treasurer Mark Baker, PDG; Knight Chaplain Tom Retherford; and Knight Deputy Director General James Castor.



Assisting with the chartering were officers of the Indiana Grand Preceptory: (Front 1 to r) Roy Wiseman, Grand Master of Ceremonies; Paul Friend, Past Grand Director General and current Grand Recorder; David Miller, Grand Director General; Lloyd Atterson, Sr., Past Grand Director General and current Grand Adjutant General. At right is Gene Atterson, member of Indianapolis Preceptory #4.

The back row includes the 6 charter members, as listed above.



#### POKAGAN SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

The next Pokagon Shrine Club stated meeting will be on Thursday, September 18 at the Glendarin golf course clubhouse. The evening starts with a buy your own meal at 6:15 PM (optional to eat at meeting site), with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

## POKAGON \$500 MEAT RAFFLE CONTINUES IN 2025

The local Shrine Club will again be having a \$500 meat raffle as its' money maker for the year. Albrights of Corunna will be the source of the winning ticket drawn. The award will be a gift card, from which one can purchase anything in their store. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

Profits made are used to support the Shrine Circus expenses and other Shrine philanthropies. Call Paul Friend to obtain tickets for you to buy personally. Call 260-402-6122.

The winning recipient will be drawn at the Sportsman Gun Raffle on Saturday, September 6, at the Shrine Horse Grounds near Columbia City. The winning ticket winner does not need to be present at the drawing.

A sample ticket showing the details of the meat raffle is below.

# POKAGON SHRINE CLUB RAFFLE "WHERE'S THE BEEF?"

\$500 CREDIT FOR MEAT OF YOUR CHOICE Drawing: Saturday, September 6, 2025 Shrine Horse Show Grounds at 5:00 p.m.

985 N. State Road 9, Columbia City, IN

Meat from Albright's One Stop Grocery
110 N Bridge St., Corunna, IN

Need not be present to win - winner will be notified
All proceeds to benefit Mizpah Shrine Temple

Raffle Information: www.shrine-sportsman.com IN LIC#001961
Payments are not deductible as a charitable contribution
TICKET PRICE: \$5.00 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20.00

#### SHRINE SPORTSMAN'S GUN RAFFLE CONTINUES



# 100 GUNS TO BE RAFFLED OFF IN A 5 HOUR PERIOD HAVE YOU PURCHASED A TICKET?

Drawings to be made every three minutes for five hours.

# YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN A GUN

What a deal for gun enthusiasts!! Tickets on sale by several local Shriners. If you don't know Shriners, call Paul Friend at 260-402-6122. The raffle ticket costs are \$20. You can buy in multiples. Each ticket you buy will be eligible to be drawn for all 100 guns.

Not only are the tickets good for the raffle, it gives one admission to the Shrine Patrol Grounds (in Columbia City) where the raffle will be held on September 6.

Once on the grounds you can eat all the hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, water, soft drinks etc, you wish to consume. FREE BEER ALL DAY!! They will have a PA system in place so you can hear the name who won each gun. THIS MAY BE YOUR YEAR TO WIN! You can win more than one gun.

# 13th Annual

completely lifted in to receive prize

#### MIZPAH SHRINERS

# "13th Annual Sportsman's Raffle"

Saturday, September 6, 2025 • Shrine Horse Patrol Grounds

985 N. State Road 9, Columbia City, IN • 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### A GUN GIVEN AWAY EVERY 3 MINUTES!

This ticket eligible for all guns on back PLUS any additional add-ons

#### FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

- All local, State and Federal Laws will be adhered.
- 2. Must be 18 years old to purchase ticket.
- 3. Must be 16 years of age to be admitted.
- 4. "Sportsman Raffle reserves the right to substitute any gun at equal or greater value".
- 5. You must present ticket to enter or receive food.
- Need not be present to WIN.
- 7. All firearms will be issued from Rural King 8801 US-24, Ft. Wayne, IN 46804.

All proceeds benefit MIZPAH Shrine Temple General Fund • All winners will be notified by mail Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions

Shrine Information • www.Mizpahshrine.com

Price: \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the door)

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# MIZPAH SHRINE 2025 SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE LIST

- 1 Mossberg Shockwave 590 20g 2 Ruger 1022 Tactical 22tr 3 Ruger American Ranch 7.62x39
- 4 Springfield 1911 MIL-SPEC 5
- 5 Henry Classic H001 22Ir
- 6 Mossberg Patriot 7mm-08 7 Bond Arms Grizzly 45LC/410
- 8 Tisas 1911 A1 US Army WWII 9 Savage Axis XP 350 Legend
- 10 Ruger Sec 380
- 12 Savage Arms 555 O/U 410g 32 Henry Classic H001 22ir
- 13 Rock Island VR80 12g
- 16 Cent. Arms Canik TP9SFx 9mm 36 Ruger Sec 380
- 20 Heritage RR 22Ir

- 21 CZ 612 12g

- 25 Ruger 1022 Camo 22Ir 26 Heritage RR 22mag/22ir
- 27 CZ P10 S 9mm

- 33 Weath, Van. Syn. 200win mag 52 Ruger Sec 380
- 15 Moss. 500 Field/Deer Combo 12g 35 Bond Arms Cyclops 45-70 54 Ruger Mark IV Target 22lr
- 18 Savage Arms 93R1 GV 17hmr 38 Sav. Arms 93R17 GV 17hmr 57 Cent. Arms Canik TP9SFx 9mm
- 19 Ruger 75th Ann. 10/22 Sporter 22ir 39 Bond Arms Roughneck 357/38 58 Ruger Sec 380 40 G-Force Arms Huckleberry 410g 59 Savage Axis XP 350 legend

- 41 Savage Arms 555 O/U 20g
- 23 Moss. Patriot Syn. 450 Bush. 43 Win, XPR Hunter 7mm rem mag
- 24 Moss. Mav. 88 Security 12g 44 Henry Gold, Silver H004SE 22tr 45 CZ 612 12g
  - 46 Bond Arms Roughneck 357
- 47 Henry Classic H001 22Ir 28 Moss. 590 Shockwave 12g 48 Moss. May. 88-Security 12g
- 29 Rug. Super Wrang. 22mag/22lr 49 Ruger 1022 Carb. W/Viridian 22lr
- 10 Ruger Sec 380 30 Spring. 1911 Mil-Spec 5 45acp 50 G-Force Arms Huckleberry 410g 11 G-Force Arms Huckleberry 410g 31 Sav. Arms 93R17 GV 17hmr 51 Henry Big Boy Brass Side Gate 357mag/38spl
- 14 Bond Arms Roughneck 9mm 34 Diamondback DB 10 20" 308 53 Ruger Super Wrang. 22mag/22lr
- 55 Diam. db15 combo 556 & 300 blackout 75 Ruger Sec 380 17 Bond Arms Roughneck 357/38 37 Win. SX4 Hybrid Hunter 12g 56 Win. SXP Waterfowl Hunter 20g

- 60 Bond Arms Roughneck 9mm
- 22 Henry Golden Boy H004L 22Ir 42 Colt Python .357 Mag. Stain. 357mag 61 Moss. Mav. 88-Security 12g 62 Heritage RR 22mag/22lr
  - 63 Rug. 75th Ann. 10/22 Sporter 22ir 84 CZ P10 S 9mm
  - 65 Rug. 75th Ann. 10/22 Sporter 22ir 64 G-Force Mares Leg RD GFLVR357P 85 Ruger Sec 380 65 CZ P10S

  - 68 Bond Arms Cyclops 45-70
  - 69 Win. SXP Trap Compact 12g 70 Sav. Arms B22 Mag. Prec. 22wmr 92 Savage Arms 555 O/U 12g
  - 71 Tisas 1911 A1 US Army WWII 45acp 93 Moss. Patriot Synthetic 308
  - 72 Ruger Mini-14 Ranch 556 73 Mag. Desert Eagle 1911 45acp
  - 74 Moss. 590 Shockwave 410g

  - 76 Ruger Super Wrang. 22mag/22ir 77 Sav. Arms 93R17 GV 17hmr 78 Ruuger Mark IV Target 22ir
  - 79 Mag. Desert Eagle 1911 45acp

- 80 Heritage RR 22mag/22lr
- 81 G-Force Arms Hucklebarry 410g
- 82 Ruger Mark IV Target 22ir 83 NAA Mini Revolver 22wmr

- 87 Moss. Mav. 88-Security 12g
- 66 Moss. Patriot Syn. 450 Bushmaster 88 Bond Arms Roughneck 357
- 67 Tisas 1911 A1 US Army WWII 45acp 89 Rug. 75th Ann. 10/22 Sporter 22ir 90 Ruger Super Wrang, 22mag/22lr
  - 91 Henry Classic H001 22ir

  - 94 Moss. 500 Grand Slam Turkey 12g 95 Mag. Desert Eagle 1911 45aco
  - 96 Bond Arms Grizzly 45LC/410
  - 97 Ruger Mini-14Ranch 556 98 NNA Mini Revolver 22wmr
  - 99 Rug. New Model Black. Con. 357/9mm
  - 100 Ruger SFAR 308 Win. Semi-Auto. 38" 101 Spring. M1A Scout Squad 308

Winners will be notified by mail and must pay sales tax. Winners may trade their gun for a gift card issued by Rural King for value paid by Shriners for gun. Grand Prize #101 Spring, M1A Scout Squad 308 is non exchangeable. Drvg. order subject to change. Pictures of raffle attendee may appear in Mizpah Shrine publications.

### POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2025 ARE:

Jeff Stanford

President/Treasurer

John Tchinski Secretary



#### STATED MEETING

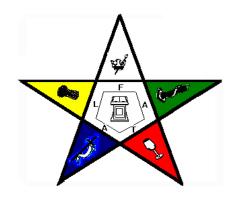
The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite meeting is on Tuesday September 9, at the Mizpah Shrine building in Ft. Wayne. There will be a meal from 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM (ladies invited), with the meeting to follow.

The October 14 stated meeting will start with a meal at 6:15 PM, followed by the stated meeting at 7:00 PM.

The next membership class will be held on Saturday, November 15 at the Mizpah Shrine Center in Ft. Wayne starting at 8:00 PM, with the days events ending at 3:00 PM.

The Ft. Wayne Valley has long prided itself in 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.



#### 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

Spencerville Chapter #386 meets at Concord Masonic Lodge #556. The Secretary is Becky Hoover (260-452-6743). Email: hooverbecky@hotmail.com

Sylvan Chapter #251 meets at Meridian Sun Masonic Lodge #76. The Secretary is Trenia Bowen (260-367-1658). Email: sylvan251@gmail.com

Prentiss Chapter #178 meets at Albion Lodge #97. The Secretary is Sheri Auld (260-343-1134). Email: sheriauld@yahoo.com.

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 needs to be made. 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 Refre	7:00 Meeting eshments 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	6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting
Meridian Sun #76 (LaGrange)	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday Exc Jan & Feb	6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting
Kendallville #276	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting
Leo #224	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please inform Paul Friend if any of the dates or times for meetings and meals have changed.