

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2023

Lodge

Angola #236
Star #225
Northeastern #210
Forest #239
DeKalb #214
Ashley #614
Concord #556
Kendallville #276
Meridian Sun #76
Leo #224

Worshipful Master

Benton Davis
Benjamin Taylor
Rick Rossi
Tim Smith
Stacey Roth
Dean Shipe
Michael Gettys
Parker Terry
Kevin Brower
Adam Butler

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Jay Minick
Dave Hardiek
Tim VanZant
Bob Tracey
Shaun Purk
Jim Carper
Jim Rosenbury
Aaron Wade
Lee Ray Owen
David Roose

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236 NEWS

Angola will have its' stated meeting on Tuesday, November 7. There will be a meal at 6:15 PM, followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM.

ANGOLA WILL HOLD THEIR ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS NOVEMBER 7.

TIME FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN LOCAL LODGES

November will be the start for election of the 2024 Lodge Officers. If any member is interested in starting in the Officer Line or want to continue to move up the line, please let it be known to the current officers.

Most Lodges will have their elections in December. The same holds true that you need to let them know of your intentions.

PAY YOUR 2024 DUES

INDIANA MASONS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LODGE DUES BILLING FROM THE GRAND LODGE BY U.S.MAIL. PLEASE DIG IT OUT AND PAY YOUR LODGE SECRETARY NOW. DON'T WAIT AND MAKE YOUR SECRETARY HAVE TO REMIND YOU. MAKE HIS LIFE EASIER - HE HAS ENOUGH PAPERWORK TO DO!!!

FEAST OF ST. JOHN ON DECEMBER 27 AT ANGOLA LODGE

In the early days of Masonry the Lodges would meet in taverns and would make toasts to Masonry and the leaders of the craft. Today we do a similar assembly, but do it in a Lodge dining room. It will include a festive evening meal, toasts made to honor the days of old and the current fraternity, the Grand Lodge, our Blue Lodges, etc. It is important to honor those men of old and today's leaders to keep the Masonic concepts alive and well.

The evening will include guest speaker Steven Bates, Senior Grand Deacon of Grand Lodge of Indiana and Potentate of Mizpah Shrine. The evening will include the passing of a basket to collect money for a brother in need. Angola Masonic Lodge will be the venue and will serve as hosts. Masons in Northeast Indiana and our neighboring Lodges in Ohio and Michigan are invited to attend.

The Feast will be on Wednesday December 27 at the Angola Lodge. More detailed plans will be explained in the December news.

A. J. HOCKER NEW MASTER MASON IN ANGOLA #236



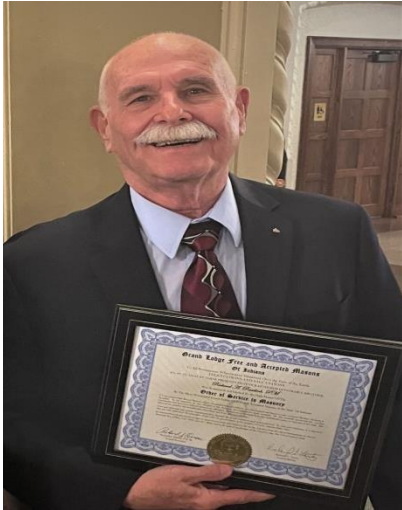
On October 26, A. J. Hocker was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Present for the degree included: (front l to r) William Ternet, SW at DeKalb Lodge #214; Benton Davis, WM of Angola #236; candidate A. J. Hocker; father Bob Hocker of Angola #236; brother Rich Hocker of Angola #236; Ray Hoover of Meridian Sun #76 (LaGrange); and Lee Ray Owen, Secretary of Meridian Sun #76; (back l to r): Mike Anderson PM current SW, Angola; Paul Friend, PM Angola; Jay Minick PM, Secretary of Angola; Brant Moore, PM, Treasurer of Angola; Jim Davis, PM, Angola; Zachery Terrell, Warsaw; and Nate Fultz, Angola Senior Steward. Picture taken by Glen Rogers PM, SW of Angola Lodge.

BOOKSHELVES REQUESTED FOR ANGOLA LODGE



Nate Fultz, a member of Angola Lodge is donating a large number of books to the Lodge, with the wish that members would be interested in signing them out. **NEEDED: The Lodge needs two more book cases, somewhat like those shown. If you have one you are not using, please contact Nate at 260-243-8660. He will accept a donation.**

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE – RICHARD RUSELINK



Richard Ruselink of Angola, a 46 year Mason was recognized by the Grand Lodge of Indiana as the recipient of the Order of Service to Masonry. The Service award is given to Masons who conform to the Ancient Landmarks of the fraternity and has set an example of serving Masonry and his community. Richard joined Angola Masonic Lodge #236 in 1977, serving as Worshipful Master in 1981. His service to Angola Lodge was best known by serving as Secretary of Angola Lodge for 25 years, a task that encompasses detailed record keeping and hours of required recording and correspondence.

Richards' ritual work was outstanding as he could recite some of the largest lectures by memory and was able to assist in many officer roles during degree work. He faithfully attended the Indiana Grand Lodge meetings and assisted local Masonic Lodges to assist in degree work.

In Masonry he is also a member of Angola York Rite, Ft. Wayne Valley of Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine. In Shrine, he was the Bagpipe Major of the Shrine Bagpipers for several years and would be found leading several bagpipe members in northeast Indiana parades, including the July 4th parade.

Richard was a professor in the Mathematics and Computer Services Department of Tri-State University for 18 years. Richard also coached Little League baseball, was a CASA volunteer, served on the Sheriff's Merit Board and was on the Steuben County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals for 15 years.

NORTHEASTERN LODGE #210 (FREMONT) NEWS

Northeastern Lodge is experiencing the need to have a new roof for their Lodge. They are requesting assistance from other lodges and individuals. Contributions of any size would be appreciated.

Northeastern #210 continues to have Monday morning coffee and donuts at their Lodge. The group assembles around 8:00 AM and dismisses after the last joke or story is told. Newcomers welcome to attend – there is great fellowship and you will learn what is going on in Masonry from the various Lodges that attend.

STAR LODGE #225 (ORLAND) NEWS

On Friday November 3, Star Lodge will have a Master Mason degree at 6:30 PM. A meal will precede the degree. All local Masons are invited to attend and witness the work.

DEKALB LODGE #214 AND AVILLA LODGE #460

There will be a joint Fellowcraft Degree on Saturday, November 11 at DeKalb Lodge in Auburn. Breakfast at 8:00 AM, with degree to follow at 9:00 AM.

NOTE TO BLUE LODGE AND OTHER APPENDENT BODY OFFICERS!!

I AM RECEPTIVE TO PUTTING IN YOUR ACTIVITIES IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS! PLEASE SEND ME THE DATE, VENUE, TIMES AND MEAL ARRANGEMENTS AND I WILL BE GLAD TO INCLUDE YOUR NEWS.

I REQUEST THE INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO ME BY THE 4TH TO 5TH DAY BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH FOR THE NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER SO I HAVE TIME TO ASSEMBLE THE NEWS. I TRY TO SEND OUT THE NEWS THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH.

THANKS - - PAUL W. FRIEND, PM, ANGOLA LODGE #236, EDITOR



Grand Commander Randal Ellington Pin

ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

York Rite Stated Meetings

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be Thursday, November 2, with the opening on the Council, with Benton Davis, Illustrious Master, presiding. There will be a meal served before the opening at 7:00 PM.

ANGOLA/APOLLO COMMANDERY INSPECTION

Angola Commandery #45 and Apollo Commandery #19 (of the York Rite) held a joint Commandery inspection on Saturday, October 14 at the Angola Masonic Lodge. Nathaniel Fultz of Angola received his Order of the Temple that day with Kyle Scherrer of Auburn receiving his Order earlier on October 12. Welcome to the new Sir Knights! The Indiana Grand Commandery graded both Commanderies on their ritual work. (Picture of Inspection attendees shown below)



Pictured are: (front l to r) Ian Mountfield, Angola; Candidate Kyle Scherrer of Auburn; Rodney McGillvary, Commander of Apollo; Candidate Nathaniel Fultz of Angola; John Coleman of Auburn; Ken Crouch of Bryan, Ohio. Back rows are: (l to r); Mike Anderson, Angola; Jim Davis, Angola; Benton Davis, Angola; Jay Minick, Angola; Brant Moore, Angola; Dan Patterson, Auburn and Ft. Wayne; Paul Friend, Angola; Jim Milleman, Angola; Glen Rogers, Angola; Chuck Lauer, Auburn; and John Sadler of Ft. Wayne.

CURRENT ANGOLA YORK RITE PRESIDING OFFICERS

**High Priest of Angola Chapter #58 is Jon 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.**



FT WAYNE #4 / HUNTINGTON #35 COMMANDERY INSPECTION

On Saturday, October 28 a joint Commandery inspection was held at the Ft. Wayne Masonic Lodge. Pictured below are the attendees, which included Sir Knights from Ft. Wayne, Auburn, Angola and Huntington, along with several Grand Officers from throughout Indiana. Dan Patterson is Eminent Commander of Ft. Wayne Commandery #4 and Matthew Doss is Eminent Commander of Huntington Commandery #35. (Picture taken by Bruce Scott).

YEOMEN OF YORK – ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2



ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY #2 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Angola Yeomen of York was held at Angola Masonic Lodge on Saturday, October 21. A large group of Yeomen members attended from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Officers pictured below.



(Left to right): Dominic Hamblin, newly appointed Guard; Ken Crouch, Past Director General and Past Grand Director General; Mike Anderson, Past Director General and current Grand Director General; Don Trumbull, Past Director General and current Recorder; Ed Fodrea newly elected Director General; Jimmie Milleman, General Secretary/Treasurer; Matthew Gloor – Chaplain; Mike Hicks, outgoing Director General; and Paul Friend, Past Director General, Past Grand Director General and current Grand Preceptory Recorder. (Not present:; Wayne Cripps, Deputy Director General and Adam Wygant – General Master of Ceremonies).

The Angola Preceptory #2 will meet next on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the Tri-State Festival at Angola Masonic Lodge. Angola Yeomen of York are the organizers of the Tri-State Festival.

OTHER YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY NEWS

Dates to put in your calendar:

**Indianapolis Prec. #4 – Annual Meeting - Nov. 4 – Hancock Lodge 10 AM
Elkhart Prec. #5 – Annual meeting - Nov 11 Kane Lodge Elkhart 10 AM
Evansville Prec. # 14 – Annual meeting - Nov 11 - 10 AM Evansville
New Albany Prec. #7 – Annual meeting - Nov 15 - 10 AM – Corydon
Frankfort Prec. #15 – Annual Meeting – Nov 18 – 1 PM - Frankfort**

TRI-STATE FESTIVAL DATES FOR 2024

York Rite bodies in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan should hold the dates for the 2024 Tri-State Festival. For both dates, there will be coffee and donuts starting a 8:00 AM, with the degrees starting sharply at 9:00 AM. A noon meal will be served, with the collection of the meal money when one registers at the entry door.

**Saturday, February 24, 2024:
Chapter and Council Degrees in Bryan, Ohio.**

**Saturday, March 2, 2024:
Commandery Orders in Angola, Indiana.**



YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE #55

The York Rite Sovereign College of North America exists primarily to be of Service to the York Rite of Freemasonry. It was started in Detroit Michigan in 1957. The supreme governing body for all Colleges is the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. York Rite Colleges exists in all States. The first College in Indiana was Ft. Wayne College #55, which was chartered in 1977. Its' first two Governors was George Becknell in 1977-78 and Donald Friend in 1978-79. Since that time Angola York Rite has had two other Governors' in Paul Friend in 1992-1993 and Jim Davis in 2022-2023.

Indiana recently had a large gathering of all the Colleges in Indiana. Sovereign Colleges in Indiana, beside Ft. Wayne #55 is: Banks of the Wabash #72 in Terre Haute; Northwest Indiana #73 in Valparaiso; Evansville #121; Marvin Isley #129 in Franklin; Sagamore Valley #133 in Frankfort; and Corydon #207.

The Colleges recently met at the Airport Holiday Inn in Indianapolis. Pictured below (l to r): James Davis, Past Governor of Indiana College #55; Keely Rowe, Grand State Honor Queen of Jobs Daughters; Bill Riggs, current Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America; David Turner, current Governor of Indiana #55; Martin Evens, Past Grand Governor of Indiana; Benton Davis, Seneschal of Indiana #55; and Tim Brinkmeyer, Deputy Governor of Indiana #55.



In the past few months the Colleges in Indiana have been selling the coin shown below to help the financing of Jobs Daughter, DeMolay and Rainbow Girls. Indiana College #55 in Ft. Wayne proudly produced the most sales in the State of Indiana. They are still available for purchase.



The 2023-2024 Officers of Indiana York Rite College #55 are: Governor – David Turner; Deputy Governor – Tim Brinkmeyer; Chancellor – Mike Doxsee; Primate – Steve Dooly; Preceptor – Dominic Hamblin; Seneschal – Dan Patterson; Marshall – Benton Davis; Sentinel – Bob Kendall; Secretary – Ed Fodrea and Treasurer – Bobby Roberts.



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETINGS

The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite stated meeting is on Tuesday November 14 at Mizpah Shrine building in Ft. Wayne, with a meal at 6:30 PM and meeting to follow.

FALL REUNION TO BRING IN NEW SCOTTISH RITE MEMBERS

The Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite Fall reunion degree day will be on Saturday November 4. This will be a Master Masons opportunity to join Scottish Rite on one day.

It starts with the 4th degree at 9:30 AM; followed by the 6th (video); 11th (live); 27th (live); and concluding with the 32nd (live). The degrees should conclude around 4:00 PM.

This is YOUR opportunity to join Scottish Rite. It will be held at the Shrine Building in Ft. Wayne. Petition required! The fee is \$150.



POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING

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 Wednesday November 15. 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. If you do not wish to eat, come to the meeting at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Glendarin Golf Course Clubhouse.

The fall Holiday Party is set for Saturday, November 11 at the Hatchery, with cocktails at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2023 ARE:

Jeff Stanford - President/Treasurer
John Tchinski - Secretary

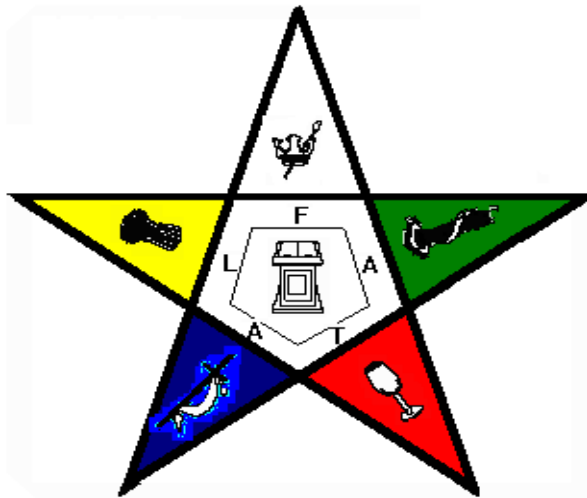
MIZPAH SHRINE STATED MEETING HELD AT ANGOLA LODGE ON OCTOBER 4

The Pokagon Shrine Club which consists of Mizpah Shrine members living in Steuben County (a unit of Mizpah Shrine of Ft. Wayne) hosted the October 4 Stated Meeting at the Masonic Lodge in Angola.



Pictured in front (l to r) are the Divan (officers) of Mizpah Shrine of Ft. Wayne. John Coleman – Chaplain; Chris Sanders – Treasurer; Andy Fracica – Oriental Guide; Brooks Targgart – Assistant Rabban; Steven Bates – Potentate; Aaron Murray – Chief Rabban; and Keith Jacobsen – High Priest. Steuben County Shriners and members of the Pokagon Shrine Club are in the back row (l to r): Brant Moore; Paul Friend; Jeff Stanford; John Tchinski; Don Shively; and Mike Votaw. Not pictured would be 30 Shriners from a variety of counties. The current officers of the Pokagon Shrine Club are Jeff Stanford as President/Treasurer and John Tchinski as Secretary.

Plans are being made to take grade school students to the Shrine Circus in January.



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.**

**Sylvan Chapter #251 meets on the 1st Monday at LaGrange Lodge
Dinner at 6:00 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

CHECK WITH OFFICERS TO SEE IF THE LODGE HAS GONE DARK

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

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	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

**** Please inform Paul Friend if any of the dates or times for meetings and meals have changed.**