

# NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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### NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2024

#### Lodge

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

#### Worshipful Master

Mike Anderson  
Ray Tracey  
Chris Sanders  
Eric Tracey  
Stacey Roth  
Dean Shipe  
Blake Myers  
Parker Terry  
Jerry Glenn  
Mark W. Reese

#### Secretary

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

(Meeting dates and times listed on last page of newsletter)

**Pay your 2025 dues in a timely manner.  
Your Recorder will greatly appreciate it!!**

## **MASONIC LODGE NEWS – ALL MASONS INVITED!**

### **Feast of St. John the Evangelist for Northeast Indiana** **This a multi-county event, including Ohio and Michigan**

#### **You and your lodge members invited.**

A multicounty Lodge Feast of St. John will be on Friday December 27, 2024 at Ashley Lodge #614 in Ashley, IN (next to the yellow water tower in central Ashley). Gather at 6:00 PM – Meal at 6:30 PM – Table Lodge to follow. Men only. Final plans are being put together now.

In the early days of Masonry the Lodges sometimes 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 setting. It will include a festive evening meal, toasts made to honor the days of old, 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 also includes the passing of a basket to collect money for a brother in need. The meal will be served by the Order of the Eastern Star – always an excellent meal. Let us know if you have a brother in need.

**YOUR LODGE MUST EVENTUALLY REPORT YOUR ATTENDANCE SO ADEQUATE FOOD IS PREPARED. MORE LATER. KEEP DATE OPEN!!**

### **ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236**

Angola will have its ANNUAL meeting on Tuesday, November 5.. There will be a meal at 6:15 PM, followed by the Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM. Election of Officers will take place at this meeting. Current members encouraged to indicate interest in serving as an Officer.

## Jim Crowl and Tom Berry recognized as 50 year members at Angola Lodge #236. Congratulations!



GLEN ROGERS

Masons pictured at the 50-year member award presentation includes, front, from left, Steven Bates, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Indiana; Richard Lentz, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana; James Crowl and Tom Berry, the two 50-year member recipients; Mike Anderson,

Worshipful Master of Angola Lodge No. 236; Charles Crowl (brother of James Crowl); Paul Friend and Richard Ruselink. In the back two rows are Kenny Brost; Trent Heidorn; Brant Moore; Matt Wignall; Jay Minick, Secretary of Angola Lodge; James Davis; Rick Rossi; Alan Rossi; A. J. Hocker; and Ian Mountfield.

# Crowl, Berry honored as 50-year Masonic members

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

ANGOLA — Jim Crowl and Tom Berry, both members of Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236, received their award of gold for being a member for 50 years, reports Paul Friend, publicity chairman.

Both received a certificate and 50 year pin from the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Two other members, Charles Nedele and John Stock have

also reached their 50 year status, but were not able to attend the presentation on Monday.

Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236, located on the southeast quadrant of the Public Square, was chartered in 1858, and thus has been in existence for nearly 170 years. Hundreds of local men have been members over the years.

The current building of the Masons, built

in 1924, recently celebrated its location in downtown Angola for 100 years.

Any man, aged 18 or more are eligible to join the Masons. There are four Masonic Lodges in Steuben County which includes Angola, Orland, Fremont and Ashley. Inquiries can be made to any member or officer of these Lodges, through Facebook or google searches.

The picture was taken on the third floor of the Angola Masonic Lodge, which is the meeting room of the Masons that has a seating capacity of over 200 people. The room includes a balcony. Individuals that wish to have a tour of the Lodge building are welcome to request one. The main officers are listed on the door of the Lodge, and would welcome your request.



## **HICKSVILLE (OHIO) LODGE #478**

**LOCATED AT 114½ EAST HIGH STREET  
IN HICKSVILLE OHIO**

**2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR LODGE ROOM – HAVE CHAIRLIFT**

# **79<sup>TH</sup> CONSECUTIVE ANNUAL MASTER MASON DEGREE**

**ON THANKSGIVING MORNING**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>**

**COFFEE AND DONUTS WHEN YOU ARRIVE**

**THE GAVEL STRIKES AT 6:00 AM TO OPEN**

**MASTER MASON DEGREE FOLLOWS**

**FOLLOWED BY PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**

**SUGGESTED DRESS: COAT AND TIE**

**MASONS INVITED TO ATTEND**

## **NORTHEASTERN LODGE #210 (FREMONT) NEWS**

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, usually around 9:00 AM. Newcomers welcome to attend – there is great fellowship and you will learn what is going on in Masonry from the various Lodges that attend.

## **NORTHEASTERN LODGE #210 ENTERED APPRENTICE**

Mark Catellier was given his Entered Apprentice Degree on October 9 at Northeastern Lodge (pictured in front center), surrounded by several Master Masons.

The Master Mason degree for brother Mark is set for Monday, November 18.



## **CONCORD LODGE #556** **SPENCERVILLE CHAPTER #386 OES**

### **75 Years of Sweet Success: Donuts and Dedication at the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair**

For 75 years, Spencerville Chapter #386 (Order of the Eastern Star) and Concord Lodge #556 (Free and Accepted Masons) have been serving up delicious donuts and community spirit at the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair. This year was no exception, as numerous OES Chapters and Northeast Indiana Masonic Lodges joined forces to make this beloved tradition a resounding success.

Thanks to the dedication of countless volunteers, the donut trailer continues to be a vital source of funding for various projects and non-profit organizations across DeKalb County and Northeast Indiana. Every donut sold helps make a difference!

### **Want to Get Involved?**

If your OES Chapter or Masonic Lodge is interested in lending a hand (and enjoying some tasty donuts!) at the 2025 DeKalb County Free Fall Fair, please reach out to a member of Spencerville Chapter #386 or Concord Lodge #556.

### **Sweet Perks for Volunteers:**

- **Make a Difference:** Support your community and help fund important projects.
- **Donation to Your Organization:** Your OES Chapter, Masonic Lodge, or preferred non-profit will receive a donation on your behalf.
- **Donut Bonus:** Enjoy two dozen donuts for volunteering a 5-hour shift of your choice!

Let's continue this sweet tradition of service and community support for years to come! Richard Lentz article.



**Oh, the taste of a donut at the DeKalb County Fair!!**

**Yours truly (Paul Friend) am a native of DeKalb county and worked at the food stand of Friendship Grange #2404 across from the donut stand.**

**I was able to enjoy the donuts 75 years ago. Yes I am that old!!**

**Here is one of the work crews at the 2024 Fair! There are many volunteers that make the donuts. A GREAT COMMUNITY PROJECT!!**

## **FOREST LODGE #239 (BUTLER)**

**On October 19, Forest Lodge held it's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Pancakes and Pumpkins Breakfast" They had a great breakfast and gave pumpkins away to kids and their families. A great community event!**





## **ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS**

### **ANGOLA YORK RITE STATED MEETING**

The next stated meeting of Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, November 7 at the Angola Masonic Lodge. Meal at 6:30 PM, followed by the stated meeting at 7:00 PM.

### **ANGOLA YORK RITE NEW MEMBER - - A. J. HOCKER**

On Thursday, October 3, A. J. Hocker was knighted a “Sir Knight” in the Order of the Temple. He has now finished his travels through York Rite.

Attending the knighting were (pictured below); front row (l to r): Benton Davis, Rodney McGillvary, Ian Mountfield, Mike Anderson, candidate A. J. Hocker, Bob Hocker, Paul Friend and Jimmie Milleman (Recorder). Back row (l to r): Glen Rogers, James Davis, Dominic Hamblin, Brant Moore, Jay Minick (Eminent Commander), Rob Miller, Dan Ernsberger, Nate Fultz, Dan Patterson, and Daniel Menear.





## **ANGOLA YORK RITE NEW MEMBER - - ALAN ROSSI**

**Angola Commandery #45 and Apollo Commandery #19 held their joint Commandery Inspection at the Angola Masonic Lodge. Alan Rossi was given his Order of the Temple.**

**Attending the Knighting was: (front 1 to 7): Glen Rogers, Ian Mountfield, Mike Anderson, Alan Rossi (candidate), A. J. Hocker, Jimmie Milleman, Dan Ernsberger, Phil Coplin and Russell Coplin. (Back 1 to 7): Benton Davis, Rodney McGillvary, Brant Moore, Jay Minick, Paul Friend, Nate Fultz and Matt Coplin**



## **CURRENT ANGOLA YORK RITE PRESIDING OFFICERS**

**High Priest of Angola Chapter #58 is Brant Moore.**

**Illustrious Master of Angola Council #27 is Michael Anderson.**

**Eminent Commander Angola Commandery #45 is Jay Minick.**

**The Secretary/Recorder of Angola York Rite is Jimmie Milleman.**



## **ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY #2**

**The Annual Meeting of Angola Preceptory #2 was held on Saturday, October 19 at the Angola Masonic Lodge, with Ed Fodrea, Director General presiding. The newly elected Officers of the Preceptory pictured below are: Wayne Cripps (Ohio) – Director General; Adam Wygant - (Michigan) Deputy Director General; Jimmie Milleman (Indiana) – Gen Sec/Tres; Matthew Gloor (Ohio) – Master Ceremonies; Donald Trumbull (Michigan) – Recorder and Mike Anderson (Indiana) – Treasurer. Not present was Daniel Stewart (Michigan) – Chaplain.**



**NOTE: The Annual Meeting of the Grand Preceptory of Indiana will be held on June 21, 2025 at Hancock Lodge #110 in Greenfield, Indiana.**

## **ANGOLA YEOMEN OF YORK – PAST DIRECTOR GENERALS AT ANNUAL MEETING**



Pictured below are Past Director Generals of the Angola Preceptory #2 at the Annual Meeting: (l to r): Mike Anderson, recipient of KTCH in Indiana; Paul Friend, Past Grand Commander of Indiana; Donald Trumbull, Past Grand Commander of Michigan; Ed Fodrea, Past Grand Commander of Indiana; and Mike Hicks, Past Grand Commander of Michigan.

### **OUTGOING DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**Donald Trumbull, current Recorder presented Ed Fodrea with his Past Director General lanyard.**



## **Attendees of Annual meeting of Angola Yeomen of York**

**Pictured are the officers and members of the Angola Preceptory #2 meeting at the Angola Masonic Lodge. Over thirty members were present from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. The Yeomen of York membership includes York Rite members who are the most active in the work of York Rite. The word Yeomen refers to hard working and valuable individuals that work as a team, thus it is a proper name for those Masons that work hard in the vineyard of Masonry.**

**The Yeomen of York has members from three states, which makes it the perfect organization to plan and carry out the Tri State Festival.**

**Angola Yeomen of York Preceptory #2 was chartered in 1994 at which time the officers and membership took over the planning of the Festival.**

**The Tri-State Festival started in 1973 with the officers of the York Rite bodies of Angola, IN, Montpelier OH, and Hillsdale MI planning the event. Once Angola Preceptory was organized in 1994, they have been put in the leadership role until the present time.**



**Note from Donald Trumbull, Recorder to membership: He now has sympathy and get-well cards for use. You can contact Donald at 734-929-6977 or email at [trumbulldonald@gmail.com](mailto:trumbulldonald@gmail.com) if he needs to send a card.**

# **TRI-STATE FESTIVAL FOR 2025**

**HOLD THE DATES!!**

**PUT IN YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!**

**52nd Consecutive Year for the Festival**

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

**Chapter and Council Degrees in Angola, Indiana**

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

**Commandery Orders in Jackson Center, Michigan**

**The Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges, Chapters, Councils and  
Commanderies of all three states are invited to view the work.  
Introductions will be made of those attending.**

**Current York Rite members of all three states are invited to return to  
view the York Rite degrees again and to remember the life lessons  
portrayed in the rituals of these degrees and orders.**

**CURRENT MEMBERS URGED TO SEEK OUT  
PETITIONS NOW!!**

**PLEASE ANNOUNCE IN UPCOMING MEETINGS  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW**



**Tri-State York Rite Festival 2025  
52nd Consecutive Year**



**State contacts to assist you:**

Indiana: Mike Anderson 260-319-0586 canda.craig@outlook.com  
Ohio: Ken Crouch 419-460-0296 kencrouch85@yahoo.com  
Michigan: Don Trumbull 734-929-6977 trumbulldonald@gmail.com

**Candidates welcome  
from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan**

**Saturday, February 22, 2025 Angola, IN Lodge**  
35 S. Public Square, Angola, IN 46703  
Chapter and Council Degrees conferred

**Saturday, March 1, 2025 - Jackson-Coolidge, MI Lodge**  
355 Napoleon Road, Michigan Center, MI (Near Jackson, MI)  
Commandery Orders conferred



## **SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE**

The next stated meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12. They will be showing the 9<sup>th</sup> degree during the meal. Meal is at 6:30 PM, followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Our fall reunion (in other words to take in new members) is the next big event on the horizon. It will be on November 9th at Mizpah Shrine. We will be presenting the 4th, 7th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and 32nd degrees.

**Now is the time for you to join Scottish Rite in this November 9<sup>th</sup> class!! Contact Paul Friend, for details.**



## **POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS**

### **POKAGON SHRINE STATED MEETING**

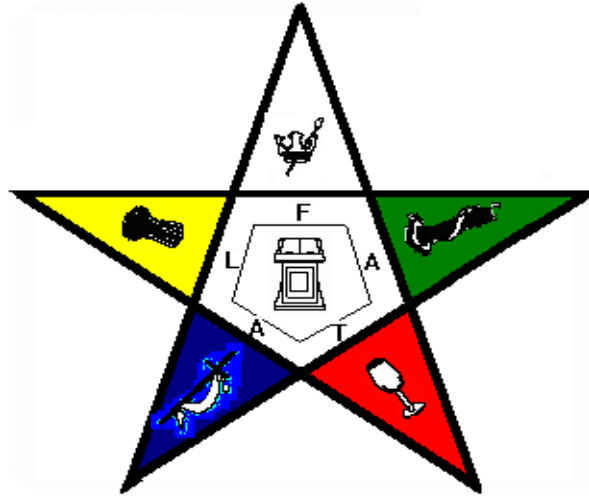
**Pokagon Shrine Club will have a stated meeting on Thursday, November 21, at the Glendarin Golf Course dining room. You can order from the menu, starting around 6:15 PM. Meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.**

### **POKAGON SHRINE CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Pokagon Shrine Club members and ladies will hold its holiday party to celebrate its' activities and accomplishments for 1924. It will be held at Trine University Club Z, located at 1215 Thunder Avenue, near Zollner golf course in Angola on November 2.**

**Cocktail and Hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. In 2024 the club was led by Jeff Stanford, President/Treasurer and John Tchinski.**





### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

BE SURE TO CHECK IF YOUR LODGE IS GOING DARK IN THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. SOME WILL CONTINUE MEETINGS DURING THE SUMMER.

<b>Angola #236</b>	<b>1st Tuesday Dark July/August</b>	<b>6:15 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Northeastern #210 (Fremont)</b>	<b>1st Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 Meeting Refreshments follow</b>
<b>Star #225 (Orland)</b>	<b>2nd Wednesday</b>	<b>6:15 Meal at Lodge 7:00 Meeting</b>
<b>Ashley #614</b>	<b>1st Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 Meeting Refreshments follow</b>
<b>DeKalb #214</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</b>	<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	<b>7:30 Meeting</b>
<b>Meridian Sun #76 (LaGrange)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday</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</b>	<b>6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting</b>

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