

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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EDITION

MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2025

Lodge

Angola #236
Star #225
Northeastern #210
Forest #239
DeKalb #214
Ashley #614
Concord #556
Kendallville #276
Meridian Sun #76
Leo #224
Edon Lodge #474

Worshipful Master

Glen Rogers
Ray Tracey
Chris Sanders
Eric Tracey
William Ternet
Scott Barnhart
Danny Patterson
James Hess
Ray Hoover
Daniel Sparling
Wyatt Zulch

Secretary

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

**PAY YOUR DUES!! YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR
BILLING FOR DUES FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA**

**Pay your dues to your Lodge Secretary now, they will
greatly appreciate your promptness.**

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236

Angola's next stated meeting is on Tuesday, November 4. A meal will be served at 6:15 PM, with the meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.

Larry Sailors PM, will receive his 50-year Award of Gold.

Angola Lodge will also hold its Election of Officers for 2026 at this meeting. Master Masons who joined the Lodge in recent years should inform current officers if you wish to take an office for next year. Even those who have been a Mason for several years and now want to take an office, please let Glen Rogers, current Worshipful Master know of your interest.

The Lodge will be discussing its' annual Christmas party to be held on Tuesday December 2, which is held prior to its' December stated meeting. It will continue to be a carry in meal (each family to bring a passing dish) with the Angola York Rite furnishing the meat. Santa Clause will continue to visit the Lodge to pass out gifts for the children – each family to bring a wrapped Christmas gift for their children to put under the tree for Santa to pass out.

ORLAND LODGE TO HOST OF THE DECEMBER 27, 2025 FEAST OF ST. JOHN

Put December 27, 2025 in your calendar! Star Lodge #225 in Orland, Indiana will be hosting the Feast of Saint Johns. Gathering time will start at 6:00 PM, with the Feast (meal) starting at 6:30 PM. Any Mason, regardless of the location of your membership, is welcome to attend.

This will be a multi-county Feast, with brethren from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio invited to attend. Men only. This is a great time to meet Masons from several Lodges in this corner of the country.

A meal will be catered by Mr. Bratz, who will serve a delicious meal with all the extras. The cost will be \$20.00 per person, and reservations are necessary by December 19. You will pay for your meal that evening. You are requested to give your name to your Lodge secretary who will in turn make the number of reservations to Jimmie Milleman of Orland Lodge at 260-667-7203.

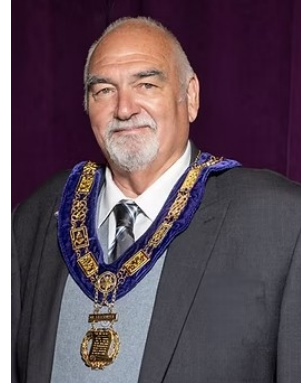
In the early days of Masonry, the Lodges sometimes would meet in taverns and would make toasts to Masonry and the leaders of the craft. Today we do a similar assembly but do it in a Masonic Lodge dining room setting. The evening will include a meal, toasts made to honor the days of old, the current fraternity, the Grand Lodge, the local Masonic Lodges and the leaders of the Craft. It is important to honor the days of old and to today's leaders in Masonry.

The evening will also include the passing of a basket to collect money for a brother in need. Passing on the name of one in need is requested.

Remember to eventually report your attendance to your local Lodge Secretary so adequate food can be prepared.

Concord Lodge #556 News

On October 14th, Worshipful Brother and Grand Lecturer Denny Davis, PM made a presentation on Masonic Etiquette at the stated meeting at Concord Lodge 556. His presentation included 20 points of interest on how Masons should conduct themselves at Masonic meetings.



There were 23 Brothers that attended. There were nine Lodges that visited, plus Concord for a total to ten. The Lodges were:

King 774

Angola 236

Wheatfield 642 (Danny Martin)

Summitt City 170

Acme 83 (Denny Davis)

Forest 239

Converse 601 (Steve Bates)

Columbia City 189

Roanoke 195

Concord 556



A fantastic meal was prepared by Dutch Heritage. It was a great event and enjoyed by all brothers in attendance.

Other Concord Lodge #556 News

October 9th

Concord Lodge 556 hosted another Veterans Court graduation. There were four Brothers in attendance. Concord Lodge has hosted and provided refreshments for every Veteran that has graduated from the program since it began in DeKalb County in 2018.

December 9th

Concord Lodge 556 stated meeting. Christmas cards for Compass Park will be finalized and delivered to the residents by Most Worshipful Brother Richard Lentz, Past Grand Master.

Thursday November 20th – Lodge of Instruction

Concord Lodge 556 will be having the annual Lodge of Instruction with Wayne Lodge 25 at the Fort Wayne downtown Masonic Building. This is the first time ever that Concord Lodge will be having the Lodge of Instruction in the downtown Ft. Wayne Masonic Building and we are looking forward to it. Concord will be closing on the MM degree. Lodge at 7:00 pm. More details will be coming.

DEKALB LODGE #214/KENDALLVILLE LODGE #276



DeKalb #214 and Kendallville #276 conducted a dual Master Mason degree October 25 at the DeKalb Lodge in Auburn (pictured above), reports William Ternet, Worshipful Master of DeKalb #614. Avilla #460, Leo #224, and Columbia City #189 were also in attendance and assisted.

Pictured above are the attendees, with front row third from left, William Ternet, WM of DeKalb Lodge #214 to his right is Philip Todd Lenz, new Master Mason for DeKalb #214 and next is Dustin Edsall, new Master Mason from Kendallville #276. Chris Prentice, Past Master of Kendallville Lodge is third from right. Well done, brethren!

DEKALB LODGE #214/AVILLA LODGE #460

FUTURE DEGREE WORK: DeKalb #214 and Avilla #460 will be doing a dual Master Mason degree on Saturday, November 29 at the DeKalb temple in Auburn. Light breakfast at 8am, degree at 9am. Visiting Masons invited.

EDON LODGE (OHIO) #474

Edon Lodge has two candidates who will proceed to their next degree as planned by the officers of the Lodge.



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

YORK RITE STATED MEETING

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be on Thursday, November 6. The November meeting will be opening on the Chapter, with Brant Moore, High Priest presiding.

There will be a light meal at 6:30 PM, the stated meeting will follow.

Angola York Rite will hold its election of 2026 officers at its' December 4th stated meeting. Members interested in becoming an officer should notify Jimmie Milleman, Recorder.

ANGOLA #45 AND APOLLO #19 INSPECTION HELD



Angola Commandery #45 and Apollo Commandery #19 held a joint inspection on October 18 at Angola Lodge. Many distinguished guests were present. The most important guest present was Joseph James, who received the Order of the Temple and is now a member of Apollo #19.

Pictured includes: (front center with red lanyard) Joe Sparks, Grand Commander of Indiana, to the pictures left is Mike Anderson, KTCH, Angola Eminent Commander and to the right is candidate Joseph James, and Jimmie Milleman, Angola Recorder.

Among distinguished members present were: Paul Friend, Past Grand Commander; James Davis, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master; David Ulrich, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master; Dominic Hamblin, Deputy Grand Commander; Dathan Reed, Grand Captain General; Mark Elder Grand Junior Warden, and Danny Patterson, Grand Prelate Emeritus. All present were distinguished York Members who continue to serve in various roles in York Rite – too many to mention individually.

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

SAVE THE DATES

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.

ANY MASTER MASON CAN JOIN YORK RITE
IF YOU ARE NOT A YORK RITE MEMBER, THIS
WOULD BE THE TIME TO JOIN – PLEASE INQUIRE

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 was held on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Angola Lodge #236.



Pictured above are the new officers of Angola Preceptory #2 for 2025-2026. (left to right): David Miller, Grand Director General of the Grand Preceptory of Indiana who installed the Angola Officers: Adam Wygant (Michigan), Director General; Jimmie Milleman (Indiana), Deputy Director General; Matthew Gloor (Ohio), General Secretary/Treasurer; Daniel Stewart (Michigan), General Master of Ceremonies; Danny Patterson (Indiana), Chaplain; Donald Trumbull (Michigan), Recorder; and Mike Anderson (Indiana), Treasurer. The outgoing Director General was Wayne Cripps (Ohio)

ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2 AWARD WINNERS

The Grand Preceptory of the Yeomen of York of Indiana, presented worthy members of the Preceptories of Indiana, with recognition.

Below is a picture of: (l to r) Ken Crouch, Past Grand Director General of the Grand Preceptory of Indiana; Mike Anderson, Past Grand Director General of the Grand Preceptory of Indiana; Vern Barnhart Past Director General of Angola Preceptory #2 receiving the Henry LaHurreau Award, David Miller, current Grand Director General of the Grand Preceptory of Indiana; Danny Patterson, member of Angola Preceptory #2 receiving the Wally Roberts Award and Paul Friend, Past Grand Director General of the Grand Preceptory of Indiana.





POKAGON SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

The next Pokagon Shrine Club stated meeting will be on Thursday, November 20 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.

HOW TO JOIN MIZPAH SHRINE

If you wish to join Mizpah Shrine, there is an opportunity to join on Saturday, November 8 at the Shrine Temple in Ft. Wayne. Potential new members would need to meet at the Temple by 8:30 AM for initiation. It will conclude by noon.

It would require a signed petition and \$75 initiation fee, which can still be accomplished. Contact Paul Friend or Jeff Stanford for details.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

RESERVATIONS NEEDED BY NOVEMBER 2

Shriners that live in Steuben County are automatic members of the Pokagon Shrine Club (there are no dues). All are invited to the Shrine Club Holiday Party, which is set for Saturday, November 15. Invitations have been sent out – if you did not receive an invitation please contact, Jeff Stanford President, at 260-417-0813.

The party will be a festive event, starting with cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 PM followed by a luscious evening meal at 7:00 PM.

Following the meal will be a report from President Jeff Stanford of the activities of the Club this past year. Also a representative from Mizpah Shrine will be present to install the 2026 Officers.

The party will be held at the Trine University Club Z (at 1215 Thunder Avenue, Angola) dining room in Angola. The meal will be a variety of meats, salads, desserts and drinks. Attendees may enter the golf course building at the upper level (south side of the drive) to use an elevator to the dining room.

Ladies are invited. Plans are in the making to have families that have had the services of the Shrine hospitals to attend and talk about their experiences with the medical teams.

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 November 11 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.

There will be no stated meeting in December.

HOW TO JOIN SCOTTISH RITE - FT. WAYNE VALLEY

The next membership class (Fall Reunion) will be held on Saturday, November 15 at the Mizpah Shrine Center in Ft. Wayne with the doors opening at 8:00 AM and degrees starting at 9:00 AM, with the day's events ending at 3:00 PM. The work to be exemplified will be the 4th, 8th, 21st, 25th and 32nd degrees.

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.

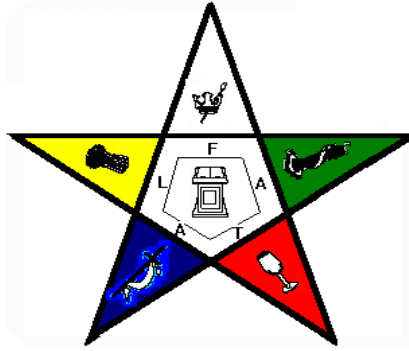
If you are not a Scottish Rite Mason and would like to learn more or become a member, contact Paul Friend at 260-402-6122 or the Valley office at 260-423-2593.

Once you receive your 4th degree, which you can receive at any stated meeting (second Tuesday at Mizpah Shrine Building in Ft. Wayne), you will be able to receive some of the remaining degrees at the convenience of your home computer. You will receive a number that will allow you to access the following degrees.

**Mark your calendars! Thursday Night at the Rite returns January 2026!
Below are the degrees and date you can watch.**

Degree Schedule:

- **6°, Master of the Brazen Serpent, January 15**
- **9°, Master of the Temple, January 29**
- **11°, Sublime Master Elected, February 12**
- **15°, Knight of the East, February 26**
- **22°, Prince of Libanus, March 12**
- **29°, Knight of Saint Andrew, March 26**



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 Records 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.

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	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)	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 listed above for meetings and meals are not correct.**