

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

Secretary

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, October 3. There will be a meal at 6:15 PM, followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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. There are three filled book cases (as per picture below).



NEEDED: The Lodge needs two more book cases, somewhat like those shown above. If you have one you are not using, please contact Nate at 260-243-8660. He will accept a donation.

INDIANA GRAND LODGE ANNOUNCES ONE DAY CLASSES

Grand Master Gary Brinley has scheduled a one-day (Blue Lodge only) class on SATURDAY OCTOBER 28. The event for northeast Indiana will be held at the Ft. Wayne Mizpah Shrine Building. Fairmont Lodge will serve as the host Lodge. Registration starts at 8:30 AM. The EA degree starts at 9:30 AM. The Fellowcraft and Master Mason follow. The day should conclude at 4:00 PM.

NORTHEASTERN LODGE #210 (Fremont) NEWS

Northeastern Lodge raised Brother Todd Johnson on September 27 to the degree of Master Mason. Pictured is Johnson in front center with WM Rick Rossi at his side.



FOREST LODGE #239 (BUTLER) NEWS

Saturday, October 14 is the date for the “Pancakes and Pumpkins” event at Forest Lodge. They will serve a pancake breakfast from 7 AM until 10 AM for a cost of \$5.00 if prebought or \$6.00 at the door. The children will receive a free pumpkin (until they are all gone).

CONCORD LODGE #556 (SPENCERVILLE) NEWS



On
September
12,
Concord
had a
dinner

before their stated to honor Brother Jim Dwyer on his 60th year as a Master Mason. Jim was raised on August 31, 1963. He has served as Worshipful Master for 3 years and was secretary of the Lodge for 40 years. Jim spoke about his Masonic history with some stories through the years. Jim had several family members and friends in attendance.





We can't talk about September Masonic news without mentioning the Donut Stand at the DeKalb County Fair and the dozens of people that run the operation. We hope they had a successful week of sales to help out the Masonic groups at Concord Lodge. Here is Jim Rosenbury taking a 10 second break for a picture.

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



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

Summer Stated Meetings

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be Thursday, October 5, with the opening on the Commandery. There will be a meal served before the opening at 7:00 PM.

ANGOLA/APOLLO COMMANDERY INSPECTION

SOME *CHANGES* HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE TIMES FOR THE INSPECTION.

PAY ATTENTION TO THE NEW TIMES!

The joint Commandery Inspection of Angola Commandery #45 and Apollo Commandery #19 will be held in the morning of October 14 at the Angola Masonic Lodge

7:00 to 8:00 AM: Coffee and Donuts

**8:00 AM: Opening of Commandery
Inspection Follows**

11:00 AM: Light meal

CURRENT ANGOLA YORK RITE PRESIDING OFFICERS

High Priest of Angola Chapter #58 is John 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.

NORTHEAST INDIANA YORK RITE HOLDS INSTRUCTIONAL

On Saturday, October 30, five York Rite members joined members from Ft. Wayne, Auburn and Roanoke for a Chapter Instructional on the Mark Master degree. The day was informational and the members went away with useful knowledge.

YEOMEN OF YORK – ANGOLA PRECEPTORY #2



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

(Date has been changed from earlier plans!!)

The Annual Meeting of Angola Preceptory #2 will be held on Saturday, October 21 at the Angola Masonic Lodge in Angola, Indiana. Coffee and donuts starts at 9:00 AM. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM. It will conclude with a meal at the Lodge.

It previously had been set for Saturday, October 14 to coincide with the Angola/Auburn Commandery Inspection. Due to conflicts from many current and past Officers and members, it was necessary to keep the third Saturday of October as its' meeting date. It will conclude with a light meal at noon. This being the Annual Meeting there will be an election of officers and installation.

The current Director General is Mike Hicks of Michigan.

The Preceptory Recorder is Donald Trumbull.

If you have inquiries about the Preceptory call Donald at 734-775-4045 or email at trumballdonald@gmail.com.

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

TRI-STATE FESTIVAL DATES FOR 2024

York Rite bodies in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan should hold the dates for the 2024 Tri-State Festival.

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

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



SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY – FT WAYNE

NEXT VALLEY EVENTS – STATED MEETINGS

The next Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite stated meeting is on Tuesday, October 10 at Bluffton Lodge. Dinner at 6:15 PM. The meeting to follow. They will be showing the 15th degree – Knight of the East.

The November 14 stated meeting will be held 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); 10th (live); 27th (live); and concluding with the 32nd (live).

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.



POKAGAN SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

MIZPAH SHRINE STATED MEETING TO BE HELD AT ANGOLA LODGE ON OCTOBER 4

You heard it right! Mizpah Shrine is moving its October stated meeting to a northern county, instead of the usual meeting site in Ft. Wayne. Steuben County was chosen as that county.

It will be held at the Angola Masonic Lodge. There will be a meal served at 6:00 PM in the Lodge dining room with the stated meeting to be held in the Lodge room.

The Lodge is located at 35 S. Public Square (for those wanting to google the site), which is on the southeast corner of the downtown Civil War monument. Parking is available on the streets around the monument or in the County Parking Lot, located one block south of the Lodge. It is a very short walking distance to the Lodge.

We especially invite the Shriners in the four northern counties to attend, as the Angola site is a very short driving distance.

The Divan will be present to conduct the meeting. Reports will be given on the recent Gun Raffle along with an introduction of the plans for the 2024 Shrine Circus (among other business to be conducted).



Look for this Lodge building as you drive around the roundabout! This is a great 3 story building that is ready to welcome you to the Shrine stated meeting. You will be able to tour the building if you have not visited before. It features a Lodge room with a beautiful mahogany wood finish.

MIZPAH CEREMONIAL

The next class to take in new member is Saturday, October 21, at the Mizpah Shrine Building in Ft. Wayne. If interested, contact a current member or Paul Friend. An advanced petition is required. Inquiries welcome.

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 October 18. 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. It's time to make nominations for the Pokagon Shrine Club Officers for 2024.

POKAGONS SHRINE CLUB \$500 MEAT RAFFLE

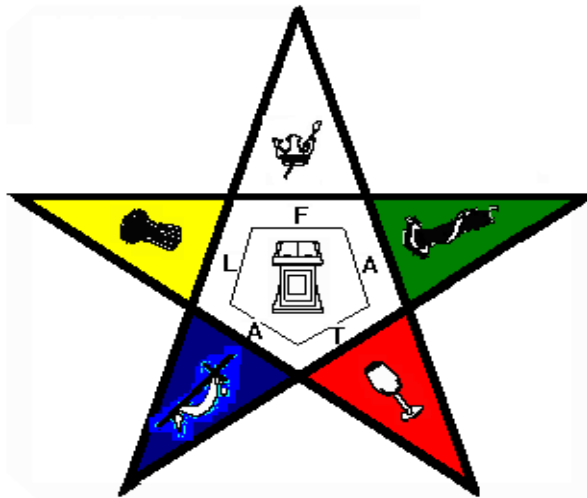
The Shriners of Steuben County, known as the “Pokagon Shrine Club” had a winner selected for the \$500 gift card at Albrights Meat Market in Corunna. The winner was Mike Hess of Angola! Way to go Mike!

The local club profited about \$3500 at the raffle. Thanks go to those that sold tickets in advance! The Club also had a booth to sell beer mugs, shirts and hats. The Club had a great sale on thee items.

We thank Ed Tutwiler, Tom King, John and Carol Tshinski, Paul and Inger Friend, Don Shively and Jeff Stanford to working at the sales booths the whole day. Profits will be used to continue the 4th graders (and most of the 5th graders in 2024) to attend the Shrine Circus. Last year school delays prevented all from attending.

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2023 ARE:

Jeff Stanford - President/Treasurer
John Tchinski - Secretary



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.**