

NORTHEAST INDIANA MASONIC NEWS

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MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS - 2026

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Worshipful Master</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Angola #236	Mark Blue	Jay Minick
Star #225	Drost Morgan	Dave Hardiek
Northeastern #210	Chris Sanders	Tim VanZant
Forest #239	Eric Tracey	Bob Tracey
DeKalb #214	Rodney McGillvary	Justin Lees
Ashley #614	Nick Shipe	Jim Carper
Concord #556	Danny Patterson	Jim Rosenbury
Kendallville #276	Chris Prentice	Aaron Wade
Meridian Sun #76	Andrew Marshall	Lee Ray Owen
Leo #224	Walter Schoonover, Jr.	David Roose
Edon Lodge #474	Shane Zulch	Kyle Long

ANGOLA MASONIC LODGE #236

ANGOLA LODGE STATED MEETING **OCTOBER 6, 2026**

Angola Lodge #236 will hold its' next stated meeting on Tuesday, October 6. 6:15 PM meal – meeting follows.

ANGOLA LODGE #236 SOCIAL NIGHT

Angola Lodge will continue its' social night on the third Wednesdays of each month. The location will be the Angola Masonic Lodge. The Lodge will have food and drinks for the event. Starting time will be 6:00 PM. Next is October 21.

The Lodge now has two televisions in the social room. Besides conversations, one can watch a TV program, play pool or card games.

One of the purposes of the social night is for current Masons to ask a potential Mason to attend, so he can get acquainted with Masons and to ask questions about Masonry.

Don't depend on the other Mason to ask someone to attend - - it is important for YOU to invite someone to attend.

Among other reasons is for current Masons to learn about others in the brotherhood as occupation, hobbies, favorite sports teams, and catch up on ice fishing stories, etc. etc.

ANGOLA LODGE #236 RECOGNIZES ITS' FIRST WORSHIPFUL MASTER



Angola Masonic Lodge #236 was chartered in 1858, with a group of then Master Masons at that time from existing Lodges in Steuben County. It is unknown how many charter members participated with the chartering of Angola, but one was Jesse Squire from Northeastern Lodge #210, who was elected as its' first Worshipful Master in 1858. Jesse also served as Worshipful Master in 1859 and 1861. In order to charter, it was required to have existing members in already formed Lodges.

Jesse's cemetery plot is in the Old Circle Hill cemetery on Stocker Street, in northern Angola. The Lodge decided to add a special stone to commemorate the Lodges' first Worshipful Master. Attending the event (pictured above) were: A. J. Hocker, Senior Deacon; Jay Minick Past Master and current Secretary; Trent Heidorn, Treasurer; Paul Friend, Past Master; Mark Blue, Worshipful Master; Jim Davis, Past Master and current Junior Deacon; Ian Mountfield, Past Master current Jr. Warden; Trent Breen, newly inducted Master Masons; Benton Davis, Past Master and current Chaplain; and Glen Rogers, Past Master and current Tyler.



Close up of Jesse Squires' cemetery stone

Jesse Squiers' head stone in the cemetery is quite fragile, so Angola Lodge had a plaque made to put at the base of his stone. The new plaque is what you see at the base of his headstone in the picture. His headstone is located in the Old Circle Hill Cemetery. Many of the early members of Angola Lodge 236 are buried in this cemetery. Many have Masonic emblems on their tombstones

STAR LODGE (ORLAND) #225 SOCIAL NIGHT

Star Lodge has started a social night at the Orland American Legion on the fourth Friday of each month at 6:30. Any Steuben County Masons and out of county Masons are invited and encourage Masons bring a non-Mason that may be interested in joining the fraternity.

NORTHEASTERN LODGE (FREMONT) #210

Northeastern Lodge #210, which is the host Lodge for the county Craft Club is on a temporary pause now, but they expect some spur of the moment get togethers. Contact Wynn Hensel - his email being Wynnhensel@gmail.com.

When a Lodge wishes to get together to work on any kind of degree, let Wynn know. At this time there is no set date or time in mind.

COFFEE/DONUT GET TOGETHER CONTINUES EACH MONDAY MORNING IN FREMONT (NORTHEASTERN LODGE #210)!!

Any Steuben County Mason is invited to meet with other Masons to catch up on “whatever” you want to discuss. It takes place at the Northeastern Lodge #210 reception room in Fremont. The Lodge is located immediately east of the 4-way stop lights in the center of Fremont. You are welcome to attend. Gathering time is 7:30 to 8:00 AM and ends around 9:00 AM.

Concord Lodge #556

One of the best money making projects in northeast Indiana is the donut stand at the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair. The Spencerville Order of the Star and Concord Masonic Lodge are the main organizers.

Pictured below is one of the Tuesday crews: (l to r) Jim Davis of Angola and Concord; Stacy Roth of DeKalb; Steve Bates – Deputy Grand Master; Henry Fluke of Forest; Randy Duhammel of Concord and Jim Rosenbury of Concord.

A lot of the profits goes back into the community, as determined by the members.



The assembly line inside the donut stand. Is well organized. Hundreds, really thousands, of donuts are sold annually.

DEKALB LODGE #214

DeKalb Lodge #214 will have a ritual practice (not a fellowship event as promoted before) night **EVERY LAST TUESDAY** of the month at 7:00 PM. Masons learning new sections of the ritual are encouraged to attend to get acquainted with the words and tactics.

LEO LODGE #224



In September, Leo Lodge was able to pass our newest EA to FC. Congratulations, Brother Jere Bergman! We were served Skyline Chili Dogs by Brother Tim Moore! Another awesome evening!

Leo Lodge #224 holds Stated Meetings on the first Thursday of the month; Dinner at 6 PM, Work at 7 PM. We make every effort to keep our calendar up to date ([Leo Masonic Lodge #224](#)). We also post degrees/events on our Facebook page ([Leo Masonic Lodge #224](#)) and frequently have degrees/events posted to the NE Indiana Masonic Bodies Facebook page ([NE INDIANA MASONIC BODIES | Facebook](#))



ANGOLA YORK RITE NEWS

YORK RITE STATED MEETING

The next stated meeting for Angola York Rite will be on Thursday October 1, at the Angola Masonic Lodge. We will be holding a Templar Board, which will change the usual way of assembling.

In a Templar Board, a meal will be served. The setting is a triangular arrangement of tables in the dining room. (So don't come at the usual earlier 6:15 PM for the meal). We will eat, but the meal will start around 7:00 PM. There will be a short meeting afterwards.

All is arranged for the October 17 for the Angola/DeKalb/Ft. Wayne Commandery inspection, with an actual candidate. The Order of the Temple will be on that day, starting at 1:00 PM. All of the usual portions of an Inspection as the rehearsal of duties and reception of the Grand Commander, etc. etc., was already performed at an earlier date. The Order of the Temple ritual parts have been divided among the three Commanderies.

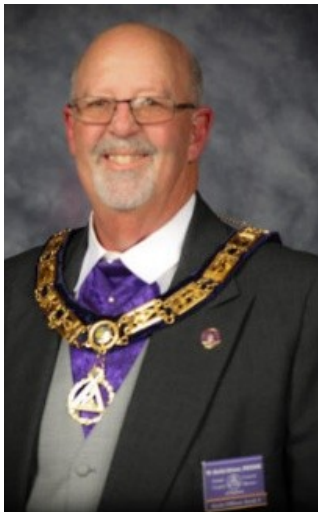
GRAND YORK RITE LEADERS FOR INDIANA

Elected at the April 2026 Grand Meetings in Indiana



Timothy R. Brinkmeyer

**Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of
Indiana**



**W. Keith Stiner
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana**



**Dominic J. Hamblin
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Indiana
Dominic has planned the Washington
DC trip for next March. It's a great
trip for Sir Knights and your ladies.**

Consider signing up for the four day trip, March 25 to 28, 2027.

**APPOINTED YORK RITE REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE
NORTHEAST INDIANA FOR THIS YEAR**

The following York Rite members will be serving the Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery grand officers as representatives to the local York Rite bodies, as a link for local groups to the head officer. Expect them to make frequent visits to update and relay important information.



Jeff Woodward will serve as Royal Arch Deputy for District C, which includes the following Chapters: Angola #58, William Hacker (Auburn) #63 and Ft. Wayne #19.



Rodney McGillvary will serve as Arch 2 Officer which includes the following Councils: Angola #27; DeKalb #57; and Ft. Wayne #4.



Dathan Reed will serve as Battalion Commander for Battalion #2 for Angola #45, Apollo #19 and Ft. Wayne #4. Deputy Battalion Commanders will be Charles Brindle and Mike Arford.

TRI-STATE YORK RITE FESTIVAL **2027**

Hold the dates of February 27, 2027 (Chapter and Council in Bryan, OH) and March 6, 2027 (Commandery in Angola, IN), for next year's Tri-State Festival.

PLEASE ANNOUNCE IN UPCOMING MEETINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Tri-State York Rite Festival 2027

54th 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

**Candidates welcome
from Indiana and Ohio**

Start seeking petitions !!

Saturday, February 27, 2027 Bryan Ohio Lodge

117 North Lynn Street

Chapter and Council Degrees conferred

Saturday, March 6, 2027 - Angola Masonic Lodge

35 S. Public Square, Angola, Indiana

Commandery Orders conferred

Degrees to start at 9:00 AM each Saturday.

Save the dates!! Help pass the word, copy, post and/or distribute this notice.

SO.....HOLD THE DATES

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YEOMEN OF YORK PRECEPTORY #2

Angola Preceptory #2 Yeomen of York will hold its' Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Angola Masonic Lodge. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM, with coffee and donuts preceding the meeting (doors will be opened by 9:00 AM). The meeting will include election of officers (time to start an Ohio Yeoman into the line) and the induction of new members. The inspection of Angola Commandery #45, Apollo Commandery #19 and Ft. Wayne #4, will be held on the afternoon on October 17.

There will be a noon luncheon held immediately after the meeting. Anyone is invited to attend. If you are planning to eat at the Lodge, contact Mike Anderson.

The current officers of Angola Preceptory include:

Director General	Jim Milleman	Indiana
Dep Director General	Matt Gloor	Ohio
General Sec/Treasurer	Danny Patterson	Indiana
Grand Master Ceremonies	Gary Smith	Ohio
Chaplain	Dominic Hamblin	Indiana
Recorder	Ken Crouch	Ohio
Treasurer	Mike Anderson	Indiana

NOMINEES FOR YEOMEN MEMBERSHIP

Current Angola Preceptory members are reminded that nominees names for new members into Angola Yeomen of York, are to be turned into Ken Crouch, Recorder. In the past two meetings nominations have been made but the recordings of the names have been misplaced. If you already made a nomination or have a new name to nominate, please turn them in again to Companion Crouch of Ohio, so preparation can be made for induction at the October 17 Annual Meeting. Contact can be made to Ken at 419-460-0296 or kencrouch85@yahoo.com. The plans are to initiate the new candidates at the October 17, 2026 Annual Meeting in Angola.



POKAGAN SHRINE CLUB & MIZPAH SHRINE NEWS

The next Pokagon Shrine Club stated meeting will be on Thursday, October 15, 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.

MIZPAH SHRINE STATED MEETINGS

The next Stated meeting of Mizpah Shrine will be on Wednesday, November 21.

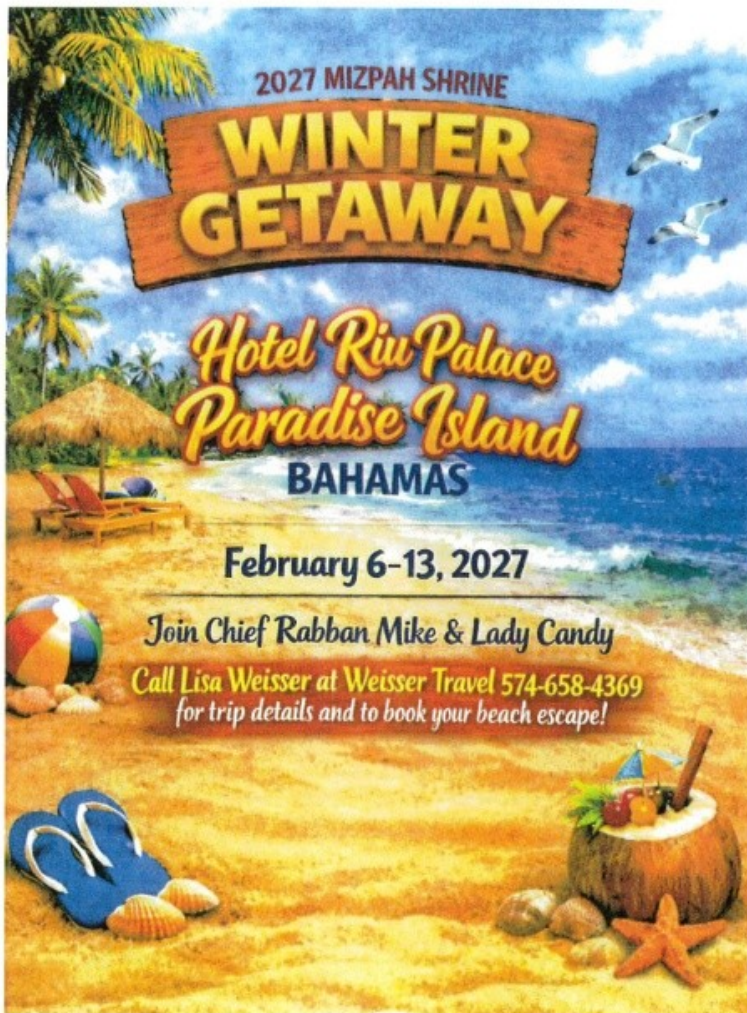
HOW TO JOIN MIZPAH SHRINE

If you wish to join Mizpah Shrine in the future, you would be required to sign a petition with a \$75 initiation fee. Contact Paul Friend, Don Shively, Jeff Stanford or John Tchinski for details. The next Mizpah stated meeting is Wednesday, October 21 in Ft. Wayne. Novembers stated will be on Wednesday, November 18 (ladies invited to share a meal with Nobles).

POKAGON SHRINE CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2026 ARE:

Jeff Stanford	- President/Treasurer
John Tchinski	- Secretary

MIZPAH SHRINE TRIP



Nobles and ladies are able to take a great trip to the Bahamas in early 2027. You can enjoy summer weather during the cold Indiana February month.

Inquiries can be made at the Mizpah Shrine Office.



STATED MEETINGS

The next Ft. Wayne Valley Scottish Rite meeting is on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at the Mizpah Shrine building in Ft. Wayne. There will be a dinner at 6:15 PM, followed by the meeting.

The following stated meeting will be on November 18, at the Shrine Building in Ft. Wayne. Meal will be at 6:15 PM, followed by meeting. Ladies are invited to the evening meal.

The Annual Bean Dinner will be on Wednesday, October 28.

The Ft. Wayne Valley is initiating this fall's version of Thursday Night at the Rite, in which several degrees will be shown. The degrees to be presented are the: 20th, 25th, 31st, 24th, 19th, 26th and 23rd. You are encouraged to check your passport and to take the degrees you have not had the opportunity to attend.

HOW TO JOIN SCOTTISH RITE

To Join: first fill out a petition and turn it in to Paul Friend, or the Valley Office in Ft. Wayne. Other instructions will follow. The fee to join is \$150.

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.

The Fall Reunion (a chance to join in one day) will be held of Saturday, November 7 in Ft. Wayne. Registration starts at 7:30 AM.

Once you receive your 4th degree, which you can receive at any stated meeting (second Tuesdays at Mizpah Shrine Building in Ft. Wayne), you will be able to receive several of the remaining degrees at the convenience of your home computer, which is known as “Thursday Nite at the Rite”, which will be starting later this year. You will receive a code that will allow you to access the following degrees



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 Trenia 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.

Members of the Eastern Star – look at the Concord Lodge news above for comments on the Donut Stand at the DeKalb Fair.

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 (Auburn)	1st Tuesday	7:00 Meeting
Forest #239 (Butler)	2nd Thursday	6:30 Meal 7:00 Meeting
Concord #556 (Spencerville)	2nd Tuesday	6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting
Meridian Sun #76 (LaGrange)	1st Wednesday Every month	6:00 Meal 7:00 Meeting
Kendallville #276	1st Monday	6:30 Meal 7:30 Meeting
Leo #224	1st Thursday (Except July/Aug)	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.**