



Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge, No. 149

Free and Accepted Masons

Chartered 1853

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DEAR BROTHER:

A STATED MEETING of Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge, No, 149, F&AM, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 109 Water St., Plymouth, Indiana, on:

Thursday, January 5, 2022.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

The Lodge will open at 7:30 PM, in the Master Mason Degree, or as appropriate if Entered Apprentices or Fellowcrafts are present, for the transaction of such business as shall regularly come before it.

Your presence is earnestly requested and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to attend.

Fraternally,

Wor. Gene Tyler

Master

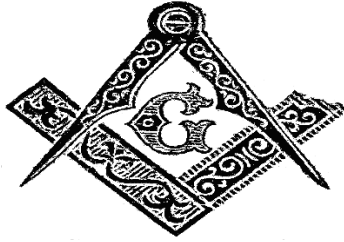
Attest:

Bro. Trevor Pletcher

Secretary

COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 3: Executive Committee, 6 PM
- Jan. 11: Plymouth Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, 7 PM
- Jan. 16: Brothers of the East Chapter, Widow's Sons, 7 PM
- Jan. 17: Zanzibar Grotto, Mystic Order, Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, 6:30 PM



FROM THE EAST:

Thanks to all who took part in the Dec. 27 Feast of St. John. We had an excellent attendance, including the Prince Hall Masons from South Bend. On Dec. 10, we installed a fine group of officers, and I look forward to another successful year for Masonry in our community.

We will vote in January on an amendment to our by-laws regarding the continuation of the Executive Committee. The proposal is to make that annual determination in June instead of December, which will bring us into compliance with Grand Lodge standards.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana Founder's Day is set for Saturday, January 14, 9 AM to 3 PM, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis. Masons from around the state will gather for an inspirational day of Masonic Education and sharing of ideas. Lunch at 1 PM (\$20).

A thought for the good of the Lodge: **“What lies before us and what lies behind us are tiny matters . . . compared to what lies within us.”** -- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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OFFICERS FOR 2022

Worshipful Master:	Gene Tyler	Senior Steward:	Cody Pozil
Senior Warden:	Michael Perdue	Junior Steward:	Dennis Manuwal
Junior Warden:	Larry Snyder	Chaplain:	John Staples
Secretary:	Trevor Pletcher	Marshal:	Scott Wilhelm
Treasurer:	Paul Holderman	Organist:	Brent Kaufman
Senior Deacon:	Cory Johnson	Tyler	Gary Potter
Junior Deacon:	Travis O'Neal		

Trustees: David Russell, Steve Troyer, Troy Lawmaster

Grand Master of Masons in Indiana:
Most Worshipful Richard L. Lentz



EXPLORING MASONRY

January 2023

Pat Robertson vs. The Craft

FOR DECADES, Pat Robertson has been well-known as an evangelist, media tycoon, and occasional presidential candidate. He is also a staunch anti-Mason who never allows facts to get in the way of his opinions.

In his book *The New World Order*, Robertson repeats a series of old and disproven accusations, e.g., that Freemasons conspired with the Illuminati, a European secret society, to instigate the French and Russian Revolutions, that our rituals are neither Biblical nor Christian, that we worship a pagan god, that we promote world revolution in order to gain power and influence, and the list goes on.

Robertson's incomprehension of Freemasonry is evidenced by this absurd statement in a chapter of his book, "New Order for the New Age" page 185: "As part of the initiation for the thirty-second degree, the candidate is told that Hiram, the builder of Solomon's Temple, was killed by three assassins. The candidate, therefore, must strike back against these assassins which are the government, organized religion, and private property."

How shall Masons respond to this kind of nonsense? We can simply ignore it, which has been a long-standing policy, or we can expose it for the bias and ignorance that it represents. Today's Masonic leaders, let us hope, will choose the latter. — JS

John Staples is the author of *Seeking Freemasonry: Academia and the Ancient Craft* (Macoy Publishing, 2020).