



## **Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge, No. 149**

### **Free and Accepted Masons**

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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, December 7, 2023.**

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,

Worshipful Master, Gene Tyler

Attest:

Brother Trevor Pletcher, Secretary

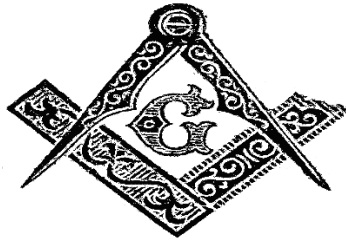
#### **COMING EVENTS**

- 12/2** Mark Master Degree and Past Master Degree (Virtual) at Mishawaka Chapter #83. Conferral starts at 9:00 a.m.
- 12/05** Executive Meeting. 6:00pm, All members are welcome to attend and all Officers should attend.
- 12/07** December Stated Meeting. Meal at 6:30 and Lodge opens at 7:30. Remember this is the night that we vote on our 2024 officers and we also vote to approve the 2024 budget.
- 12/12** Actual Past Master Degree at Tipton #33 (Logansport). Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Degree to follow dinner. Only Past Masters may attend.
- 12/13** December Royal Arch Chapter 49 Stated Meeting. Meal at 6:45pm & Chapter opens at 7:45pm
- 12/16** Installation of Officers Plymouth-Kilwinning 149 @ 2:00pm. Family & Friends are welcome to attend.

12/27 Feast of St. Johns Celebration at Plymouth-Kilwinning. Celebrations to begin at 6:00pm

## Visit Mike Pettigrew's Calendar

at <https://masoniccalendar.blogspot.com/> for more scheduled Masonic events around the state.



### **FROM THE EAST:**

Freemasonry has been a great blessing to me, and the ability may get you to the top. But remember it takes character and kindness and most of all patience to keep you there. If you put good out into the world, good will come back to you. Remember that you're never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream. God bless you all and have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.

In the Faith,  
Worshipful Master Gene Tyler

### **FROM THE WEST:**

I've been told "Be careful what you ask for" and here we are. I want to thank you all for putting your trust in me and voting me in as the Master of our lodge for 2024. I am looking forward to working with our 2024 officer line.

I want to also thank all of the Past Masters who were present at my Past Master Degree. It was an experience that I will never forget. I hope all Master Masons have the same opportunity that I was presented with on that evening.

As a reminder, our installation of Officers is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at our lodge. You are welcome to bring your friends and family.

Fraternally,  
Mike Perdue  
Senior Warden

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### **FROM THE SOUTH:**

Our Junior Warden, Larry Snyder, is still recovering from his motorcycle accident. We miss him and look forward to his return. Worshipful Master, Gene and Senior Deacon, Cory is putting together a meal that I am confident will be enjoyed by all.

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### **OFFICERS FOR 2023**

<b>Worshipful Master:</b>	Gene Tyler	<b>Junior Deacon:</b>	Travis O'Neal
<b>Senior Warden:</b>	Michael Perdue	<b>Senior Steward:</b>	Cody Pozil
<b>Junior Warden:</b>	Larry Snyder	<b>Junior Steward:</b>	Dennis Manuwal
<b>Secretary:</b>	Trevor Pletcher	<b>Chaplain:</b>	Mike Woolfington
<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	James Barkdull	<b>Marshal:</b>	Scott Wilhelm
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Paul Holderman	<b>Organist:</b>	Brent Kaufman
<b>Senior Deacon:</b>	Cory Johnson	<b>Tyler:</b>	Gary Potter
<b>Trustees:</b> David Russell, Steve Troyer, Troy Lawmaster			



**Most Worshipful Gary E. Brinley Grand Master**

*Grand Master of Masons in Indiana*



### **December Birthdays**

12/06 Kinney, Jackie Lowell

12/10 Good, Michael Todd

12/24 Shively, Charles Daniel

12/24 Straughn, Christopher Duane

12/27 Oneal, Travis Jeffrey

12/30 Gehrke, Douglas Ross

12/31 Hughes, Thomas Eugene

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## **EXPLORING MASONRY**

*December 2023*

*John Staples*

# **Hamas claims Masons spy for Israel**

HAMAS, now engaged in a brutal war with Israel, bears hatred toward Freemasons as well as toward the Jewish people.

When the Palestinian terrorist organization was formed in 1988, it announced that its sole purpose was the destruction of Israel. It also declared that Jews created Freemasonry and used it to bring about the French Revolution the Russian Revolution, World War I, World War II, and the creation of the state of Israel. Even today, it claims that Masonic lodges conduct espionage for the Israeli government.

We wonder how anyone could believe such bizarre accusations. Yet millions of Palestinians readily accept this anti-Masonic propaganda, as others have in earlier times – for example, in Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, and Fascist Spain.

How should we respond to this nonsense? Should we respond at all? The best course for the Craft today, I believe, is to simply speak the truth to all who will listen. Let the truth be our mission and our responsibility.   Δ