



## 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, January 2, 2024.**

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, Mike Perdue

Attest:

Brother Trevor Pletcher, Secretary

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#### **COMING EVENTS**

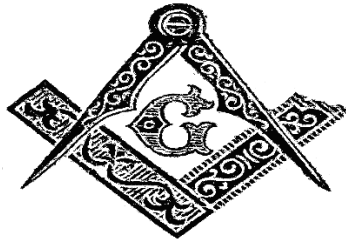
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| 12/27/23 | Feast of St. John                   | Meet at 6:00 and meal at 6:30  |
| 1/2/24   | Executive Meeting                   | Meeting opens @ 6:00pm. All Brothers welcome, all officers should attend.    |
| 1/3/24   | Tipton Lodge Stated Meeting @ 7:00. | This is a good opportunity for a Lodge Visit.                                |
| 1/4/24   | Stated Meeting                      | Meal at 6:30pm Lodge opens @ 7:30pm  |
| 1/9/24   | Judson Lodge Stated Meeting.        | Lodge opens @ 7:00pm Central Time. This is an opportunity for a Lodge Visit. |
| 1/10/24  | Royal Arch Stated Meeting.          | Meal at 6:45pm and Lodge opens at 7:30pm                                     |
| 1/13/24  | Founders Day Celebration.           | Grand Lodge of Indiana (525 N Illinois St, Indianapolis, IN 46204)           |

- 1/15/24 Widows Son Stated Meeting
- 1/16/24 Groto Stated Meeting
- 1/18/24 Entered Apprentice Degree at Tipton #33 (Logansport). Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Degree to follow dinner
- 1/30/24 Executive Meeting - opens @ 6:00pm. All Brothers welcome, all officers should attend!

### Visit Mike Pettigrew's Calendar

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

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#### **FROM THE EAST:**

Time goes by so quickly! It wasn't that long ago that I stood before the altar of Masonry, for the first time in my life, and was made a Mason. And now you are trusting me to govern your lodge this year. I am truly honored! With your continued support I will do my best to guide us through our 171<sup>st</sup> year of Free Masonry at Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge #149.

We are fortunate to have so many young and dedicated officers in our line this year and it is my will and pleasure that we provide them with the same support and counsel as you have given me. I don't want to leave out the Past Masters who continue to provide us with their knowledge and support.

One of the first things that I want to see happen is for our lodge to form a Ritual Team. This team will work together in learning and perfecting our Indiana Masonic ritual in all 3 degrees. The lodge officers should already be working on learning their station for opening and closing a lodge on all 3 degrees as well as their station for the candidate's degree work, in all 3 degrees. We have several new members in our lodge that are waiting to advance to their next degree. Let's not let them down!

If you have an interest in ritual and would like to be on this team, please let me know. We will be putting together a regular schedule to train and practice all 3 degrees as well as opening and closing the lodge.

Worshipful Master  
Mike Perdue

## **FROM THE WEST:**

Brethren,

First and foremost, I would like to thank all the brethren for the support and faith of allowing me to sit in the West.

In the West, I am charged with wearing the jewel of the level. But what does being on the level mean?

If you say that someone...is on the level, you mean that they are sincere or honest, and are not attempting to deceive people. Its synonyms are honest, genuine, and sincere.

In Freemasonry, it indicates that all human beings are equal - that one person is not any better than another. This is exactly how we should strive with our members.

While it is particularly important among Brethren, it does not mean acting on the level stops as you pass by the Tiler on the way out of the lodge room. Treating others with the respect they deserve is one of the things that set Masons apart from the general public. We do not own or hold title to "being on the level", we do demonstrate that attitude to all mankind. For many of us, it is what exposed us to the Craft through a friend, relative, or coworker.

So as we start this New Year, keep in mind that treating someone on the level is a true hallmark of harmony among societies, which really is our true strength as a Fraternity.

Have a great and Happy 2024!

Fraternally,  
Larry Snyder  
Senior Warden

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## **FROM THE SOUTH:**

I just wanted to reach out with a friendly reminder that as we roll into 2024, please be sure to login online through the Indiana members portal or reach out to Plymouth Kilwinning Lodge #149 to get your dues paid.

Aside from dues I would also like to extend a brotherly invite to all current members to attend our monthly stated meetings the first Thursday of every month. With 172 "active" members at PK 149, we would love to see more than 25-30 brothers attending lodge. If transportation or anything for that matter is an issue, please reach out to myself or any of the other brothers and officers and we will do our best to help accommodate.

Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge #149 will be having the Feast of St. John's next Wednesday, December 27th and we would love to see you present!

If you ever need to reach out or just want to talk, my number is 574-248-1897. If I do not answer, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as I am able. I'm looking forward to 2024 and hope to see some brothers I have not gotten the chance to meet yet!

Fraternally,  
Corey Johnson

**OFFICERS FOR 2024**

<b>Worshipful Master:</b>	Mike Perdue	<b>Senior Steward:</b>	Dennis Manuwal
<b>Senior Warden:</b>	Larry Snyder	<b>Junior Steward:</b>	Gary Potter
<b>Junior Warden:</b>	Cory Johnson	<b>Chaplain:</b>	Ryan Gray
<b>Secretary:</b>	Trevor Pletcher	<b>Tyler</b>	Mike Wolfington
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Paul Holderman	<b>Marshal:</b>	Scott Wilhelm
<b>Senior Deacon:</b>	Travis Oneal	<b>Organist:</b>	Brent Kaufman
<b>Junior Deacon:</b>	Cody Pozil		

**Trustees:** David Russell, Steve Troyer, Troy Lawmaster

*(Officer contact information is provided at the end of this newsletter.)*



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

*Grand Master of Masons in Indiana*



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**January Birthdays**

01/01 Wilhelm, Walter Scott  
01/01 Guditis, Gregory James  
01/02 Wenzel, Dennis Jon  
01/05 Harper, Steven Alan  
01/06 Pletcher, Timothy Jon

01/11 McFarland, Leslie Dale  
01/12 Smith, Kyle Anthony  
01/13 Daugherty, II, James William  
01/13 Shaffer, Verlin Lee  
01/14 Kaufman, Brent Lee  
01/18 Wickens, Keith Steven  
01/22 Hernandez, Ryan Scott  
01/22 Hewitt, James Marion  
01/22 Scutchfield, Ralph William  
01/23 Anderson, Francis Gerald  
01/25 Bohm, Benjamin Michael  
01/26 Odom, Gregory Wade  
01/29 Morris, William J  
01/31 Anglin, Thomas L  
01/31 Pearson, Jerry Jay

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## **EXPLORING MASONRY**

*John Staples*

*January 2024*

# ***California Masons donate to Ukraine***

THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, together with Prince Hall Masons in that state, recently gave \$76,000 to the International Red Cross to provide support for civilians in war-torn Ukraine.

Grand Master Jeffrey Wilkins said: “Charity and relief are cherished values of Freemasons everywhere, and as Masons, we are committed to helping those in need in all communities. This gift will provide important services for the Ukrainian people in their darkest hour.”

Aid has also come from the Masonic Charitable Foundation in England, and from other Masonic groups in Europe and the United States.

Masonry in Eastern Europe has a long history, with the Grand Lodge of Ukraine currently overseeing 14 lodges. Ironically, Russian army officers formed the first lodge in Kiev in 1784.   Δ

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