



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, July 6, 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

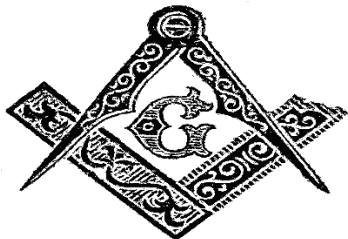
Attest:

Brother Trevor Pletcher, Secretary

COMING EVENTS

- 6/27 Executive Meeting. Because of the holiday we rescheduled it to 6/27 from 7/4. 6:00pm at the lodge.
- 7/6 Stated Meeting. Meal at 6:30pm and lodge opens at 7:30.
- 7/8 Double Fellow Craft Degree at Rochester #79. Breakfast at 8:00 and degree to follow.
- 7/9 Widows Sons Annual Ride. Registration 10:00am-11:30am at PK149
- 7/12 Royal Arch Stated Meeting. Meal at 6:45pm, Lodge opens at 7:30pm
- 7/13 Annual Family Picnic. 6:00 at the pavilion behind the tennis courts. Bring a covered dish and your own tableware. The lodge will furnish the meat and drinks.
- 7/17 Widows Sons Stated Meeting. Time and place: (to be announced)

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FROM THE EAST:

In the Faith,
Worshipful Master Gene Tyler

Brothers you all,
A very special gift from the heavens;
Your smiles warms my heart and your presence make me whole.

Brother Trevor Pletcher is our committee chairperson for the Blue Berry Festival this year. We need volunteers to help with set-up/tear down and to park cars during the Blue Berry Festival. A signup sheet will be distributed later so that you can select which available 4 hour shift you prefer. This years Blue Berry will be held from August 31-September 4.

FROM THE WEST:

Brothers All,
Below is a breakdown of how our 2024 annual dues of \$145.00 will be distributed. In short, each dues paying member will pay \$60.80 to Grand Lodge and \$84.20 will be retained by our lodge to help offset the cost of our operations.

The Grand Lodge Ways and Means report was presented on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 and approved as follows chargeable to all dues paying members:

<i>Per Capita Tax Grand Lodge General Fund</i>	<i>\$33.70</i>
<i>Per Capita Tax Grand Lodge Endowment & Support Fund</i>	<i>3.25</i>
<i>Per Capita Tax Trustee's Operating Fund</i>	<i>3.00</i>
<i>Per Capita Tax George Washington National Memorial</i>	<i>2.00*</i>
<i>Per Capita Tax Heritage Foundation (Schofield House)</i>	<i>0.25</i>
<i>Assessment for Indiana Masonic Home</i>	<i>11.50</i>
<i>Per Capita Tax Masonic Relief Board</i>	<i>0.25</i>
<i>The Brotherly Fund</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>The Masonic Renewal Committee of North America</i>	<i>0.25</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$59.20</i>

*Additionally, a \$1.60 per member per capita charge for the Grand Lodge Insurance program will become effective immediately and will be included on the Annual Recapitulation statements to be issued in January 2023. Lodges need to consider the total per capita and assessment charges of \$59.20 as well as the Grand Lodge insurance amount of \$1.60 in their financial review that is to be conducted in June as per Regulation 37.010. Any changes to the amount that a Lodge will charge a member for his membership card shall be considered a change to the Lodge By-Laws and be reported to the Grand Secretary as an amendment to the Lodge By-Laws. Form 44 shall be used for this purpose. *The contribution to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 on a motion from Grand Master Richard Lentz. The motion was seconded and approved by majority voice vote.*

To keep our heads above water, it is imperative that we all pull together and continue our current fund-raising projects and identify pathways for new fund-raising projects. Consider sharing your ideas at our regularly scheduled Stated Meetings.

Fraternally,
Mike Perdue
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH:

For the July Stated Meeting, I am planning a chicken and noodle dinner with mashed potatoes.

Fraternally,
Larry Snyder
Junior Warden

OFFICERS FOR 2023

Worshipful Master:	Gene Tyler	Senior Steward:	Cody Pozil
Senior Warden:	Michael Perdue	Junior Steward:	Dennis Manuwal
Junior Warden:	Larry Snyder	Chaplain:	Mike Woolfington
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



Most Worshipful Gary E. Brinley Grand Master

Grand Master of Masons in Indiana



July Birthdays

James	Young	1
Tim	Crawford	2
David	Russell	4
Philip	Jontz	7
Richard	Slater	11
Larry	Nifong	12
Jeffrey	Hazen	13
Gary	Potter	13

Christopher	Lewis	15
Walter	Denaut	17
Daniel	Defluiter	17
Rex	Gilliland	17
Duane	Culp	18
Brandon	Odiorne	18
Trenton	Pletcher	20
Hurshel	Hunter	21
Larry	Berger	22
Greg	Horton	22
Keith	Oden	27
Kevin	Stevens	28

EXPLORING MASONRY

John Staples

July 2023

Hamas alleges “Judeo-Masonic” plot

HAMAS, the Palestinian terrorist organization, claims there is a Judeo-Masonic plot to achieve world domination, and that Masonic lodges are secretly spying for Israel.

It argues that Masons and Jews instigated the French and Russian Revolutions, and the First and Second World Wars. These statements are so bizarre that we wonder how any thinking person could believe them. And yet, many Palestinians do, and no doubt there are others around the world who accept this kind of propaganda.

Hamas has had notorious allies, such as Saddam Hussein, the former dictator of Iraq, who banned Masonic lodges in that country, and prescribed the death penalty for anyone promoting Freemasonry.

Why does this wackiness exist? Because a dictatorship can't tolerate the idea of an organization that teaches the love of God and the brotherhood of man. Those are dangerous ideas, and they threaten any system that promotes the State as all powerful. Δ