



## 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, November 2, 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

**10/31** Executive Meeting. 6:00pm, All members are welcome to attend and all Officers should attend.

**11/02** November 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.

**11/04** All Day Degree at Tipton Lodge (Logansport). Lodge opens at 9am.

**11/08** Royal Arch. Meal at 6:45 and Lodge opens at 7:30

**11/09** Past Masters Degree at Breman Lodge at 6:00

**11/18** Royal Arch Degree. 8:00 donuts and coffee and the degree to follow.

**11/18** Masonic Education at the Indianapolis Masonic Temple 525 N. Illinois St. Indianapolis, IN. 46204.

Breakfast Served from 6:30-7:30 AM (Optional, \$5 each)

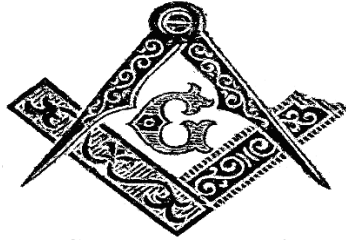
Event Doors at 7:00am (No Fee) Dress is business casual No Fee but pre-registration is preferred

**11/20** Widows Sons. Time and Place to be announced.

**11/21** Grotto. Time and place to be announced.

## **Visit Mike Pettigrew's Calendar**

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



### **FROM THE EAST:**

As a Mason when we build in silence people don't know what to attack because we are a good and strong fraternity.

As a reminder, November is the month that we vote on our new officers and vote to approve the 2024 budget.

In the Faith,  
Worshipful Master Gene Tyler

### **FROM THE WEST:**

Though not required, if possible, I recommend we pay our annual dues "Online" through the Member Portal. By doing so your dues status is immediately updated and it takes a lot of work and confusion away from our secretary. Follow the link to pay your dues online: [Indiana Freemasons Member Portal](#)  
If you need to send your dues in by mail remember to send them to:

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Fraternally,  
Mike Perdue  
Senior Warden

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### **FROM THE SOUTH:**

As you may be aware, our Junior Warden, Larry Snyder, is still out and 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>Senior Steward:</b>	Cody Pozil
<b>Senior Warden:</b>	Michael Perdue	<b>Junior Steward:</b>	Dennis Manuwal
<b>Junior Warden:</b>	Larry Snyder	<b>Chaplain:</b>	Mike Woolfington
<b>Secretary:</b>	Trevor Pletcher	<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>Junior Deacon:</b>	Travis O'Neal		

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



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

*Grand Master of Masons in Indiana*



### **November Birthdays**

11/04 Lincoln, JR., Pemberton Hutchinson  
11/06 Hammonds, Keith Burnette  
11/06 Hammonds, Kent Eugene  
11/06 Hammonds, Kyle Lee  
11/06 Morgan, Daren Duane  
11/08 Lawmaster, Troy Kenneth  
11/09 Yates, James Lee  
11/10 Rhoda, James William  
11/10 Wenino, Dwight James

11/11 Stockberger, Michael Dean  
11/15 Hupka, Steven Charles  
11/15 Sharkey, Harold Allen  
11/16 Gerrard, Keith Edward  
11/22 Woolfington, Michael Carl  
11/23 Campbell, James Miller  
11/23 Zentz, Duane Ray  
11/24 Mikalas, James Emmanuel

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## **EXPLORING MASONRY**

*November 2023*

*John Staples*

### **Francisco Franco, Arch-Enemy of the Craft**

OVER THE CENTURIES, Freemasonry, sad to say, has had more than its share of enemies. They have included churches, both Catholic and Protestant; leftist politicians, Communists, and dictators such as Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, and Saddam Hussein. Another anti-Masonic fanatic was General Francisco Franco, the ruler of Spain from 1939 to 1975.

Franco led his rebel army to victory in the Spanish Civil War (1936-39) and then imprisoned or executed his political rivals, announced that Catholicism would be the only religion allowed in the country, and restored the monarchy under his strict control. He also forced Masonic lodges to close, destroyed their buildings, and declared membership in the fraternity to be a “crime of rebellion” punishable by death. Historians agree that as many as 10,000 Masons were shot during the Franco era.

What motivated this madness? The basic answer is that no tyrant can tolerate an organization that teaches the love of God and the brotherhood of man. Some also say it was because Franco, when he was a young man, was rejected by two lodges. Others claim it was because he hated an older brother who was a prominent Mason. In any case, the General’s anti-Masonic fervor didn’t survive him; in 1979, the High Court of Spain restored freedom of association as a constitutional right.

Today, the Grand Lodge of Spain in Madrid oversees 180 traditional lodges throughout the country. In addition, the Symbolic Grand Lodge in Barcelona and the Spanish Federation of Le Droit Humain supervise several lodges which initiate both men and women on equal terms.   Δ