



## 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, September 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

**9/1-9/4** Blueberry Festival **Don't forget to sign up to help park cars.** For more information text message or call our Blue Berry Chairman, Trevor Pletcher at **574-341-0818**. **Brothers, this is a very important fund raiser for our lodge. Your assistance is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!**

**9/10** Annual Masonic Home Festival at Compass Park (Franklin). Everyone is welcome. The food and fun starts at 11:00 a.m. Contact Elizabeth Dillman at [edillman@compasspark.org](mailto:edillman@compasspark.org) or 317-346-1457 for details.

**9/13** Royal Arch. Meal at 6:45 and Lodge opens at 7:30

**9/16** Walk for Autism/Car Show. Meet at the Hoosier Old Wheel pavilion at 9:00am. We need your help to make this another successful year.

**9/18** Widows Sons. Time and place to be announced.

**9/19** Groto. Meeting at Hunters Hideaway. Order Food at 6:30pm and Meeting at 7:00pm.

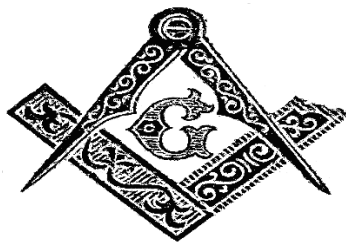
**9/30** Tenderloin Fry with WB Ralph Smith. As a lodge fundraiser, Past Master Ralph Smith will be cooking and selling Tenderloin and French Fry meals from 11:00am-2:00pm at the Centier Bank parking lot on the corner of Oak Road and Jefferson Street.

**10/3** Executive Meeting. 6:00pm. All Plymouth-Kilwinning members are welcome to attend. All officers are urged to attend.

**10/5** Stated Meeting. Meal at 6:30pm and Lodge opens at 7:30pm

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

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



### **FROM THE EAST:**

The smallest steps in the right direction will be the biggest steps in your life. Remember the 3,5,7 steps. **Brothers, There are several vacant shifts for the Blue Berry Parking. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE step up!! We need your assistance. Contact our Secretary, Trevor (574 341-0818) and let him know where you can help.**

In the Faith,  
Worshipful Master Gene Tyler

### **FROM THE WEST:**

What it means to be a Mason is far more than simply paying dues to a lodge or even attending regular meetings and doing volunteer work. Other social clubs offer those things too. Masonry's meaning lies in the initiation rituals we all share and the other rituals of the lodge that teach us symbolic lessons about our spiritual lives and the potential each of us has for being good men and true. A fellowship dedicated to the idea of being good may seem quaint in today's world where television and movies seem to emphasize action and adventure, and give crime and piracy a gloss of romance. But that is what makes Masonry more important and relevant today than ever before.

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. 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*



### **September Birthdays**

9/2 Barkdull, James Miles  
9/8 Massengill, Matthew Allen  
9/9 Roberts, Lowell Glenn

9/11 Smith, Ralph E  
9/13 Lane, Frederick David  
9/15 Risner, Tony R  
9/17 Stull, Devon Dale  
9/20 Goebel, David Mark  
9/21 Kraning, Adam Christopher  
9/22 Ruff, Elson La Vern  
9/28 Ross, John Michael  
9/29 Easterday, James Edward  
9/29 Shively, Larry Allen  
9/30 Voss, Melvin Roger

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## **EXPLORING MASONRY**

*September 2023*

*John Staples*

# ***The Lonely American***

A RECENT REPORT from the surgeon general warns that American men have become increasingly lonely and isolated. They say they have fewer friends than they had years ago, and that they have no one in whom they can confide.

The nation's top doctor urges the rebuilding of connections with people, as a matter of mental and physical health. During the pandemic, Masons and many others learned that social media is a poor substitute for in-person time with others. Tone of voice, body language, and experiencing the presence of the other person are all important, but all are lost when we rely solely on electronic contact.

When we befriend people, help them, and establish connections, we are not only reaching out to them; we are reminding ourselves of the value that we can contribute to society.

Freemasonry, with its emphasis on friendship, shared values, and mutual respect, can play a key role in building a sense of community, perhaps more now than ever before. Simply put, the world needs what we have to offer.   Δ