



**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, February 1, 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**

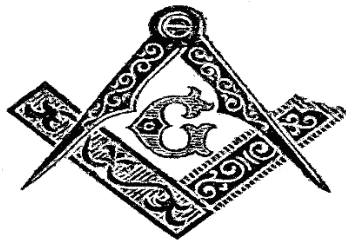
1/30	Executive Meeting at 6:00.	All brothers are welcome to attend. All Officers are urged to attend.
2/1	Stated Meeting	Meal at 6:30pm, Lodge open at 7:30pm
2/5	Warsaw 73 Stated Meeting	Opportunity for a lodge visit. Meal at 6:00. Lodge opens at 7:00
2/6	Bremen Lodge Stated Meeting	Meal at 6:00. Lodge opens at 7:00 Opportunity for a lodge visit
2/7	Tipton Lodge Stated Meeting	Opportunity for a lodge visit. Meal at 6. Lodge open at 7:00
2/14	Royal Arch Stated Meeting	Meal at 6:45. Lodge open at 7:30
2/17	Wives and Widows Dinner	Meal at 4:00pm in our Lodge Social Room.
2/19	Widow Sons	Time and Place to be announced

2/20	Grotto	Time and Place to be announced
2/20	Knox Stated Meeting	Opportunity for a Lodge visit. Meal at 6:30. Lodge opens at 7:30 C
2/22	Washington's Birthday	

## 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:**

We've scheduled this year's Wives and Widows Dinner for Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. This year's entertainment will be provided by "The Memory Makers" group. The Memory Makers provided us with an excellent evening of entertainment last year that I thought was very appropriate for the occasion. Thank Brother Scott Wilhelm for inviting them back again this year. Our Brother Junior Warden, Corey Johnson, is planning a meal that I am sure will be enjoyed by all.

If you are planning on attending this year, please let Brother Corey know so that he can better plan the meal. His contact information is located at the end of this newsletter.

Worshipful Master  
Mike Perdue

### **FROM THE WEST:**

My brethren, greetings from the west with much love and respect.

I'm very proud to be in the West this year. I know it is going to be a challenge, and a lot to learn, but I feel very confident that with all the support from all of you, my brethren, it will be a lot easier.

We are lucky to have such a fine line of dedicated Officers. I'm proud to serve with each of you and look forward to make this year a success.

Fraternally,  
Larry Snyder  
Senior Warden

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## **FROM THE SOUTH:**

Brethren, what prompted you to become a Mason? This is a question that is asked in differing forms in two of our three degrees. I would like to ask this question in a non-ritualistic way and an equally important question for my Brothers who no longer participate in Lodge: What is missing from our Fellowship that originally brought you to us? As for me, I became a Mason because I saw it as a path that might help me improve myself as a man and to help me help others. Although I am still a toddler in Masonic knowledge, I think the process has already begun for me, and I am very grateful. Masonry in Indiana seems to be declining in numbers, and we need to attract new Masons to our organization. While I think that is important, I also think we need to ask those who no longer come to Lodge, what is missing? What are we not doing that we could do to fulfill the purpose that prompted these Brothers to petition to join us. Becoming a Master Mason (or even an Entered Apprentice) is not a trivial undertaking. It requires purposeful intent and some dedication to even get through the Western gate. So I suspect that it takes a serious impediment to withdraw from our circle. There certainly are many reasons beyond the capability of the Craft to adjust: sickness, moving out of state, to name just a couple, but there may be some reasons that we, as a Band of Brothers CAN do something about.

So, if you are no longer involved with the lodge but receive this Newsletter, I would greatly appreciate an email to [cojobro77@gmail.com](mailto:cojobro77@gmail.com) to tell me what you believe is missing.

In Fellowship

Corey Johnson, JW

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## **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>	Corey 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		
	<b>Trustees:</b>	David Russell, Steve Troyer, Troy Lawmaster	

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

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

*Grand Master of Masons in Indiana*



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**February Birthdays**

- 02/01 Poisel, Robert Dale
  - 02/02 Smiddy, Talon Barret
  - 02/02 Strong, James Edward
  - 02/04 Berger, Deven Allen
  - 02/10 Osborn, Timothy Everett
  - 02/15 Marshall, Michael Charles
  - 02/18 Byers, George Dean
  - 02/24 Kuhn, Ty Allen
  - 02/26 Day, Barry Lynn
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## EXPLORING MASONRY

*John Staples*

*February 2024*

# Washington and King David's Lodge

IN THIS MONTH of George Washington's birthday, Freemasons across the United States remember this great man and the fact that he also traveled toward the East.

Among the many Masonic connections to Washington, is this exchange of letters between the first President and King David's Lodge of Newport, R.I., founded in 1769 as the first Jewish Lodge of Masons in America. A public address to Washington, issued by the lodge on August 18, 1790, reads in part:

"We, the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of King David Lodge, greet you as a Brother. We exult in the thought that as Masonry has always been patronized by the wise, the good, and the great; so has it stood and will always stand as its fixtures are on the immutable pillars of faith, hope, and charity . . . permit us then, Illustrious Brother, to salute you three times three and to add our fervent supplications that the Sovereign Architect of the Universe will always encompass you with His holy protection."

To which the President responded: "Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic fraternity is founded must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them a deserving Brother."

This correspondence is included in the *The Presidential Papers of George Washington* at the National Archives, Washington, D.C.   Δ

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