



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 2, 2023.

A dinner of Brunswick Stew and Cherry Pie will be served at 6:30 PM.

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,

Wor. Gene Tyler

Master

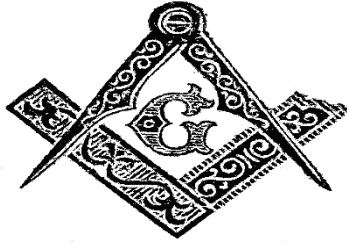
Attest:

Bro. Trevor Pletcher

Secretary

COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 31: Executive Committee, 6 PM
- Feb. 8: Plymouth Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, 7 PM
- Feb. 18: Sweethearts Dinner at Plymouth-Kilwinning, 6 PM
- Feb. 20: Brothers of the East Chapter, Widow's Sons, 7 PM
- Feb. 21: Zanzibar Grotto, Mystic Order, Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, 6:30 PM



FROM THE EAST:

For an enjoyable evening, plan to join us at the Sweethearts Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 6 PM. There will be a sign-up list in the community room.

As we celebrate Washington's Birthday this month, I recommend a new book, *A Deserving Brother: George Washington and Freemasonry* by Mark Tabbert, (University of Virginia Press, 2022). The book is the first to deal with this subject in many years and tells the complete story of Washington's known connections to the Craft. Bro. Tabbert is the author of six books and director of archives at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

A thought for the good of the Lodge: "The years found me an admirer of the great work the Masonic Order has been doing to make this world a better place. I am grateful for the high moment in my life when the doors of Freemasonry were opened to me." -- *Bro. Danny Thomas*

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OFFICERS FOR 2023

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

Grand Master of Masons in Indiana:

Most Worshipful Richard L. Lentz



EXPLORING MASONRY

February 2023

Origins of Phi Beta Kappa

PHI BETA KAPPA, the gold standard of academic achievement in the United States, has a significant connection to the Masonic order, one that stretches back nearly 250 years.

Founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, ΦBK became the first collegiate Greek letter fraternity and, over time, the most respected. Its prestige is illustrated today by the fact that chapters exist only in the top ten percent of all colleges and universities, and only the top ten percent of undergraduate scholars in the arts and sciences are invited to join.

Masons, many of whom were affiliated with the college, began meeting in Williamsburg as early as the 1730s and, in 1774, received a charter from the Grand Lodge of England for Williamsburg Lodge, No. 6. Thomas Smith, a Mason, was a founder of the college group and later became president of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. At least twelve of the first fifty members were known to be members of Williamsburg Lodge.

ΦBK gradually took on an intellectual rather than a social tone – meeting, for example, in college rooms instead of a local tavern. Although its focus had shifted to academic achievement by the early 1800s, a Masonic influence remains to the present day as the society meets behind closed doors and conducts rituals known only to its members. Ω

John Staples is the author of *Seeking Freemasonry: Academia and the Ancient Craft* (Macoy Publishing, 2020).