



## **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 11, 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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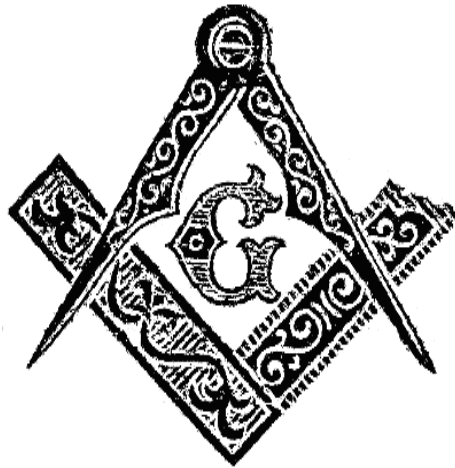
#### **COMING EVENTS**

- 7/2 Executive Meeting. 6:00pm at the lodge. Masons of PK149 are welcome to attend. All officers should attend.
- 7/11 Stated Meeting. Our regular scheduled meeting would fall on July 4<sup>th</sup> so as per our Bylaws, we are rescheduling it to July 11<sup>th</sup>. Meal at 6:30pm and lodge opens at 7:30.
- 7/10 Royal Arch Stated Meeting. Meal at 6:45pm, Lodge opens at 7:30pm
- 7/15 Widows Sons Stated Meeting. Time and place: (to be announced)
- 7/16 Groto Stated Meeting. Time and place: (to be announced)
- 7/18 Annual Family Picnic. 6:00 at the pavilion behind the tennis courts. Bring a covered dish and your own tableware. The lodge will provide meat and drinks.

## 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:

- The Lodge balloted on Mr. William Norris in the June Stated Meeting. I would like to confer his Entered Apprentice Degree sometime this month, (July). Let me know if you can be in the cast for this degree and the date that works best for you. Obviously, I have not yet been able to set the date, However, I will be setting a date for this in the very near future so please watch your emails for further information. I'm sure we will need to request some outside assistance.
- Below is a breakdown of our 2025 annual dues of \$145.00. In short, each dues paying member will pay \$61.50 to Grand Lodge and \$83.50 will be retained by our lodge to help offset the cost of our operations.

*The Grand Lodge Ways and Means report was presented on May 21, 2024, and approved as follows.*

*Chargeable to all dues paying members:*

<i>Per Capita Tax Grand Lodge General Fund .....</i>	<i>\$36.00</i>
<i>Per Capita Tax Grand Lodge Endowment &amp; 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>
<b><i>TOTAL .....</i></b>	<b><i>\$61.50</i></b>

*Additionally, a \$1.75 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 2025.*

*Lodges need to consider the total per capita and assessment charges of \$61.50 as well as the Grand Lodge insurance amount of \$1.75 in their financial review that was 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.*

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

- Earlier this year I announced that I would like our lodge to apply for the Grand Master's Award. In order to be considered for this award we need to have at least 12 lodge visits. As you are probably aware, lodge visits can include visiting lodges during their Stated Meetings or when they are conferring degrees. To date we can count 1. I ask myself, have we lost interest in Masonry or have we become too busy in our lives to enjoy the personal benefits of fellowship that Masonry offers? Just a thought to ponder.

Mike Perdue  
Worshipful Master

### **FROM THE WEST:**

Every Freemason knows the journey starts in the heart. It's about those moments when we choose compassion, extend a helping hand, or stand up for what's right. So when we see a fellow member with the emblem over their heart, it's a little nod to that shared understanding, that no matter where life takes us, we carry the spirit of Freemasonry inside. It's not about being part of a club; it's about living out those values that bring a bit more light into the world.

Larry Snyder  
Senior Warden

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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 David G Morgan Grand Master**  
*Grand Master of Masons in Indiana*



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**EXPLORING MASONRY**

*July 2024*

*John Staples*

## **Students of the Craft**

NEARLY A CENTURY ago, a small group of scholars and writers met at the Iowa Masonic Library in Cedar Rapids to form the Philalethes Society ("lover of truth"), the first Masonic research organization in North America.

Their purpose was to create a forum for the study of our history, rituals, and symbolism; and to share ideas in a quarterly magazine, *Philalethes: The Review of Masonic Research and Letters*. It continues to publish a wide range of articles relating to the Craft and its meaning for men in today's world.

Since its founding, the Society has limited its full membership to forty Fellows. Corresponding members number in the thousands worldwide.

The Society's roster of past Fellows includes Dwight Smith, longtime grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, author, and namesake of Indiana's research lodge.

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### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

7/01 James Young  
7/02 Tim Crawford  
7/04 David Russell  
7/11 Richard Slater  
7/12 Larry Nifong  
7/13 Jeffery Hazen  
7/13 Gary Potter  
7/15 Christopher Lewis  
7/17 Daniel Deflutter  
7/17 Walter Denault  
7/17 Rex Gilliland  
7/18 Duane Culp  
7/20 Brandon Odiorne  
7/21 Trevor Pletcher  
7/21 Hurshel Hunter  
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7/27 Keith Oden  
7/28 Scott Stevens

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