



## Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge, No. 149

### Free and Accepted Masons

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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, March 7, 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

3/04	Stated Meeting	Warsaw Lodge 6:00pm meal Lodge opens at 7:00
3/05	Executive Meeting PK149	6:00pm. All brothers are welcome to attend. Officers should attend.
3/07	Stated Meeting	Meal at 6:30pm, Lodge open at 7:30pm
3/09	MM Degree Rochester 79	Donuts and Coffee at 8:00am. Lodge opens at 9:00am.
3/09	<b>2024 AREA CONFERENCE</b>	10am-12pm at Grand Lodge Indianapolis
3/13	Fellow Craft Degree	Tipton Lodge 33 (Logansport) 6:00pm meal and Degree to follow.
3/13	Royal Arch Stated Meeting	Meal at 6:45. Lodge open at 7:30
3/14	Entered Apprentice Degree PK149	Meal at 6:30pm Lodge opens at 7:30

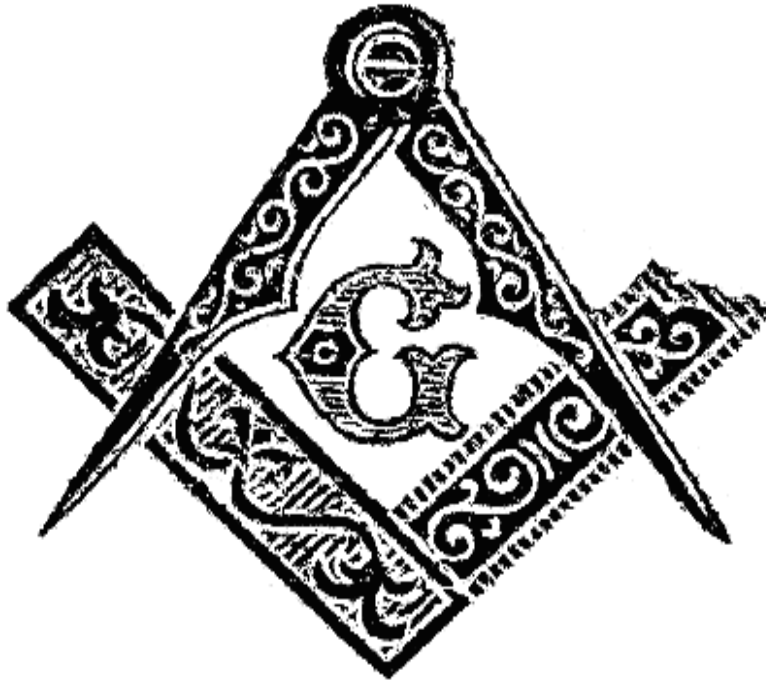
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- 3/19 Entered Apprentice Degree at Tipton #33 (Logansport). Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Degree to follow dinner.
- 3/21 Fellow Craft Degree at Royal Center #585. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Lodge opens at 7:00 p.m.
- 3/27 Fellow Craft Degree at Tipton #33 (Logansport). Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Degree to follow dinner.
- 3/28 Entered Apprentice Degree at Peru-Miami #67 (Peru). Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Lodge opens at 7:00 p.m.

**There are several opportunities for lodge visits this month. Text our Worshipful Master @ 574 292-1889 if you are able to attend one.**

### 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:

This year's "Wives and Widows Dinner" was held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The entertainment was provided by "The Memory Makers" who did an excellent job of entertaining us. A special thanks' go out to our Junior Warden (Corey) and wife for setting up our Social Room and preparing an excellent meal. Also, I want to thank all who assisted Corey and his wife in helping with the set up and the many Brothers who stayed and helped clean up afterwards.



WB Tim Pletcher, Brother Cody Pozil and I were able to attend a Master Mason Degree at the Hebron Lodge on 2/24. Though it was a bit of a drive to attend this degree, the fellowship that we experienced made it worthwhile. It's always good to make eye contact and shake the hand of a Brother from another lodge. On this lodge visit we learned about a Traveling Gavel Program. There is an actual gavel that is handed over from one lodge to another and they call it "Stealing The Gavel". The gavel is handed over to the visiting lodge who has the most visitors in attendance. It requires at least 5 visitors from the same lodge to qualify but the lodge with the most visitors receives the gavel. We should make plans to travel to the lodge, that is currently holding the gavel, and bring it back to PK149.

Mike Perdue  
Worshipful Master

### **FROM THE WEST:**

Brethren,

There are a lot of ideas swimming in my head as we start the 2024 Masonic year. I am excited about the Officer line, and the potential for a great year. I look forward to some great degree work this year, as well as doing my part to open the lines of communication to the Craft.

On another note, to all my brothers, what prompted you to become a Mason? This is a question that is asked in differing forms in two of our three degrees. But now 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.

Larry Snyder  
Senior Warden

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### **FROM THE SOUTH:**

Brethren, I would first like to thank all the brother's who brought their sweethearts out for the wives and widows dinner we had on February 17th. We had a good meal, a good turnout, and a good time shared with our brothers and wives. Also, I special thanks to Brother Wilhelm for setting up the evening entertainment. Looking a little further into upcoming events, Brother Travis Oneal has scheduled an EA degree for March 14th, and I am working on getting a Fellowcraft Degree setup for April. I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Stated Meeting 3/7.

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.)*



**Most Worshipful Gary E. Brinley Grand Master**  
*Grand Master of Masons in Indiana*



## March Birthdays

01	Daniel D. Guerra
03	Rod C. Spurlin
06	William S. Gaines
09	Joab D. Badell
10	Lyle D. Faulkner
10	Bradley M. King
15	Larry L. Snyder
16	Jeffrey C. Hills
16	Earl W. Stettler
17	Robert N. Hooker
19	William R. Best
22	Michael G. Chapman
23	Tucker D. Pletcher
29	Trevor D. Pletcher

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## EXPLORING MASONRY

*March 2024*

*John Staples*

# **Pursuing Excellence**

OUR BRETHREN IN NORTH CAROLINA are taking an innovative approach to educating the Craft's future leaders.

The Grand Lodge, in cooperation with the Scottish Rite, created Wilkerson College, named for a retired Marine Corps General and 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason. Its purpose is to provide North Carolina Freemasonry with well-trained, forward-looking officers. Fifty Masons comprise each class, nearly all of them deacons. Five hundred have graduated thus far, and all are making a positive impact.

The curriculum includes topics such as the origins and traditions of Masonry, lodge budgeting, member services, and community relations. Instructors are all high-ranking Masons, experts in their fields, and respected mentors.

This program, according to the Grand Lodge, brings the student from the level of merely "filling a chair" to the point where he brings a newfound commitment to the betterment of his lodge and community. Δ

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