

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, December 1, 2022.

A Chili dinner 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.

Fraterrnally, *Wor. Tim Pletcher*

Master

Attest: *Most Wor. James Barkdull* Secretary

COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 29: Executive Committee, 6 PM
- Dec. 10: Shop with a Cop, 8 AM at Plymouth Wesleyan Church; and Installation, Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge, 2 PM
- Dec. 14: Plymouth Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, 7 PM
- Dec. 19: Brothers of the East Chapter, Widow's Sons, 7 PM
- Dec. 20: Zanzibar Grotto, Mystic Order, Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 27: Feast of St. John, 6 PM



FROM THE EAST:

An important Masonic event is coming up with the Feast of St. John the Evangelist on Tuesday, Dec. 27. We will host our brethren from St. Peter's Lodge, Prince Hall Masons of South Bend, at a table lodge ceremony at 6 PM. Dinner menu: prime rib, baked potato, green beans, beverage, and dessert. The speaker will be an officer of St. Peter's Lodge.

Bro. Adam Kraining, was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft at a called meeting on Nov. 17. Thanks to Junior Warden Mike Perdue for assembling the cast and for leading rehearsals.

A thought for the good of the Lodge:

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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OFFICERS FOR 2022

Worshipful Master:	: Tim Pletcher	Senior Steward:	Travis O'Neal
Senior Warden:	Eugene Tyler	Junior Steward:	Cody Pozil
Junior Warden:	Michael Perdue	Chaplain:	Greg Horton
Secretary:	James Barkdull	Marshal:	Scott Wilhelm
Treasurer:	Jon VanVactor	Organist:	Brent Kaufman
Senior Deacon:	Larry Snyder	Tyler	Dennis Manuwal
Junior Deacon:	Corey Johnson		

Trustees: David Russell, Keith Hammonds, Larry Snyder

Grand Master off Masons in Indiana: Most Worshipful Richard L. Lentz



EXPLORING MASONRY

December 2022

The Holy Saints John

IN AGES PAST, guilds of workers often chose patron saints as a sign of devotion and unity. The operative lodges of stonemasons followed this custom, adopting the Holy Saints John, the Baptist and the Evangelist, as their patrons in the 17th century.

When Speculative Masonry emerged, the Craft selected the feast days of The Evangelist (December 27) and the Baptist (June 24) as important dates in the Masonic year. Among the reasons for doing so was the fact that both festival days coincide with the winter and summer solstices, and because the writings of both saints emphasize friendship, loyalty, and movement from darkness to light.

Historically, many jurisdictions have encouraged their lodges to attend church services on or about these dates, or to perform acts of kindness for widows. Others, such as the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, installs its officers on the day of the Evangelist, a tradition which dates back nearly three centuries

In Indiana, we plan table lodge ceremonies throughout the state as a fitting way to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist. -JS

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