

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, November 3, 2022.

A pizza 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. Grand Master Richard Lentz and Junior Grand Warden Randolph Seibel will be visiting our Lodge. We will elect officers for 2023 (still in need of Secretary and Treasurer).

Your presence is earnestly requested and your Masonic friends are cordially invited to attend.

Fraterrnally, Attest:

Wor. Tim Pletcher Most Wor. James Barkdull

Master Secretary

FORTHCOMING

Nov. 1: Executive Committee, 6 PM

Nov. 9: Plymouth Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, 7 PM

Nov. 15: Zanzibar Grotto, Mystic Order, Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, 6:30 PM

Nov. 17 Fellowcraft Degree, 6:30 PM

Nov. 21: Brothers of the East Chapter, Widow's Sons, 7 PM



FROM THE EAST:

OUR CURRENT Entered Apprentice, Bro. Adam Kraining, is scheduled to be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 PM.

Our Lodge was well represented on Oct. 11 at the District Lodge of Instruction in Bremen. The session covered numerous points concerning floor work and other ceremonial aspects of the Master Mason Degree.

Please Note: From now on, the monthly trestleboard will be posted on the Lodge website, rather than being sent to e-mail addresses. Look for it about a week before the first Thursday of each month.

A thought for the good of the Lodge:

"Wisdom is not given to us; we must seek it out." ~ Bro. Henry Harrison Culver

Fraternally,

Wor. Tim Pletcher

Master

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 Dennis Manuwal **Senior Deacon:** Larry Snyder **Tyler**

Junior Deacon: Corey Johnson

Trustees: David Russell, Keith Hammonds, Larry Snyder

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



EXPLORING MASONRY

November 2022

The Craft in Ukraine

UKRAINE, much in the news these days, has a Masonic tradition that is one of the oldest in Eastern Europe. The Craft came to that country in the 1740s when it was part of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and has carried on ever since.

Russian Army officers created a lodge in Kiev in 1784, prompting the spread of Masonry throughout Ukraine and Crimea, both of which were then part of the Russian Empire. Masonic leaders embraced the cause of Ukrainian independence, which caused Czar Alexander I to ban the lodges in 1822. As a result, they went underground.

Today the Grand Lodge of Ukraine has jurisdiction over fourteen lodges in Kiev, Odessa, and other cities, many of which have, no doubt, suffered in the current war. Ironically, Masons in Ukraine and Russia formally recognize each other. In keeping with generally accepted Masonic principles, both Grand Lodges forbid discussion of politics or religion.

As of the present time, the Masonic Service Association of North America has yet to receive a Disaster Relief Appeal from Ukraine. -JS

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