



## Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge, No. 149

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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 5, 2026**

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, Corey M. Johnson

Attest:

Brother Mike Wooflington (PM), Secretary

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#### **COMING EVENTS**

- 2/3 Executive Meeting: Meeting opens 6:00pm. (Will be moving to 7:00pm once Grand Lodge processes our bylaw revision) All Brothers welcome; all officers should attend.
- 2/5 Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge No. 149 Stated Meeting: Meal at 6:30pm Lodge opens 7:30pm**  
**\*\*\*(WHITE APRON MONTH)- Please wear your white apron for ALL stated and called meetings in February) PER GRAND MASTER'S REQUEST\*\*\***
- 2/11 Royal Arch Stated Meeting: Meal at 6:45pm and Lodge opens at 7:30pm
- TBD Brothers of the East Meeting:
- TBD Grotto Stated Meeting: 6:30pm

## COMING EVENTS continued

2/21 Master Mason Degree for Brother Matt Risner at Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge No. 149- 10am

**2/27 \*\*\*CANCELLED\*\*\* Wives and Widows Dinner.**

Brothers, I want to talk for a moment about the women who make it possible for us to be here. Every time we attend a meeting, rehearsal, installation, funeral, or event, someone at home adjusts their life so we can serve this Lodge. Our wives—and the widows of our departed brothers—support something that often takes time, attention, and energy away from them.

For years, our dinner has been well-meaning, but familiar. Same room. Same meal. Same format. And after talking among the officer line, we asked ourselves a simple question: *If this were for us, would it feel special?*

Our conclusion was this—our wives deserve more than routine. They deserve intention.

We're proposing that instead of simply hosting a dinner, we give them a night out. A banquet hall. A catered meal. Music. A reason to dress up. A night that says, 'We see you. We appreciate you. And we thank you.'

This isn't about extravagance. It's about gratitude. It's about living the values we talk about in this room.

If Masonry is about making good men better, then honoring the women who stand beside us is part of that work.

I ask you to support this—not as a change in tradition, but as an elevation of it.

**2/28 District 1 Ritual Workshop (EA Degree) at Lakeville Lodge No. 353- 9am (This is not restricted to District 1 only) \*\*\***(ALL OFFICERS SHOULD ATTEND)**\*\*\***

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## 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:

**Brethren,**

Happy New Year and congratulations to the Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge No. 149 2026 Officers. The Officer Line has started off the New Year on fire to chase the Grand Master's Award as well as discussing and working to implement some new ideas. All the brethren at Plymouth have been so supportive and willing to be active this year and I truly appreciate the commitment and passion from each of you. Regarding the Grand Master's Award, we have maxed out our points for Founders Day attendance, we have already raised a Master Mason conferred on January 3, 2026, and another Master Mason degree to be conferred on February 21, 2026, at Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge No. 149. We had a 3-brother lodge visit to an EA degree at Lakeville Lodge No.353 on January 15, 2026. We had a 4-brother lodge visit to a FC degree at Warsaw Lodge No. 73 on January 19, 2026. The 2 lodge visits thus far have us at 80.66 roundtrip miles logged for January. We also have upcoming degrees at various local lodges, and I encourage all the brothers to try and go out to travel if possible.

We have pulled the membership roster from the Grand Lodge Portal and broke the list into a birth month format in which each Officer has been given a month to reach out to our brothers. We feel we all have lacked in reaching out to all our members throughout the last few years. Although the list is by birth date, we are actively calling brothers now with reminders to call again on their birthdays. A few takeaways we have gathered from calling around are that some of our members' phone numbers, emails, and I'm sure, addresses, are no longer valid. I, personally, have talked to a couple of brothers that have not received a call in close to a decade. One 45-year brother hasn't attended a meeting in close to 15 years from what he could recollect. Some of these instances are likely to have more to the story but still does not justify why we have not reached out to check on these brothers. I have really enjoyed calling and visiting some brothers I have never met and have been able to share and hear amazing stories. I am excited to see what this outreach can do for our lodge and look forward to sharing some of these stories throughout the year. Although the Officer line is actively calling out, I strongly encourage you to pick up the phone, that most of us keep on our hips daily, and call a brother, preferably one you haven't met. If you do not have a list of numbers to do so, reach out to any of the Officers and we can get the info over to you.

Fraternally,

Worshipful Master

Corey M. Johnson

## OFFICERS FOR 2026

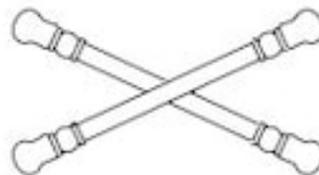
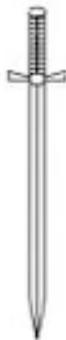
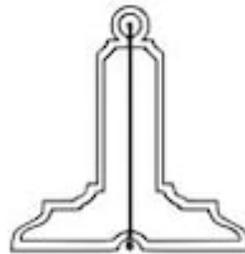
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**Trustees:** Trenton Pletcher, Steve Troyer, Kyle Smith

*(Officer contact information is provided at the end of this newsletter)*

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# Most Worshipful Randolph L. Seipel Grand Master

*Grand Master of Masons in Indiana*



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## A Message from the Grand Master

It is now 2026! Time certainly flies amazingly fast. As we usher in the New Year, we could spend time looking back at successes or reflecting on failures; both are important in the building of a man and a Mason and in building our sublime brotherhood. I believe, however, after brief reflection, let us look towards the future. The future of our journey in becoming a better man and Mason and the future of Indiana Freemasonry. As I have traveled around the State, visiting lodges from town to city, back and forth, east and west, north and south, I have experienced and felt one particular feeling, excitement! Excitement in individual Lodges, excitement in individual Masons, excitement for the future of Indiana Freemasonry. Now, to be fair, this excitement does not negate the fact that we still have lodges that struggle to attract new brothers, struggle with finances or leadership, struggle for that all important peace and harmony amongst our brethren. I believe the excitement and progress that has been made across the State definitely outweighs any negative aspects or situations I have been charged to deal with. I am proud of each of you and your lodges for taking hold of the premise of Follow Me to Freemasonry. Many lodges have implemented the 3-5-7 Lodge builder program that can be found in the member/lodge portal. Attendance at Grand Lodge events has been stellar, I see more and more lodges bringing in new brothers. A greater more intentional use of social media and work outside the lodge room has been both inspiring and well received. Brothers, Freemasonry is alive and well in the great State of Indiana and I credit each of you with that success. As we look forward to the new year let us all resolve to fully immerse ourselves in the tenets of Freemasonry - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. I look forward to seeing many of you at Founders' Day, and my brothers, as always, may your ringing challenge be to all good men that cross your path be, Follow Me to Freemasonry!

Randy Seipel Grand Master  
#FollowMeToFreemasonry

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## **February Birthdays**

- 2/2 James Strong- Age: 55
- 2/4 Deven Berger- Age: 33
- 2/10 Timothy Osborn- Age: 68
- 2/15 Mike Marshall- Age: 60
- 2/18 George Byers- Age: 89
- 2/26 Barry Day- Age: 65

## **A Source of Candidates?**

IN THIS TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY, Masonry has no shortage of challenges, especially when it comes to attracting the younger generation. Millennials -- men 30 to 45 -- we are told, have little or no interest in joining aspirational organizations, whether it be Masonry, a church, a service club, or a political party.

But that is subject to debate. As one encouraging example, we can point to the twenty American university lodges currently operating from Harvard to Berkeley. In addition, there are the Masonic inspired college fraternities – Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, and others – which are flourishing and giving their members a positive experience in terms of fellowship and contributions to society.

The national fraternity with the strongest ties to Freemasonry is Acacia, founded by Master Masons in 1903 at the University of Michigan. Today it has 30 chapters in the U.S. and Canada, with an alumni body of more than 50,000. Its motto is “public service,” placing it squarely in line with the Masonic ideals of its founders.

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