

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 26 June, 2024

At a Stated Communication of St. John's Lodge #3, A.F. & A.M.

New Bern, North Carolina

HELD ON THE ABOVE DATE PRESENT:

Bro. Arthur B. Romans W.M.
Bro. Timothy J. Harris S.W.
Bro. Dominick P. Giorgianni J.W.
Bro Thomas L. Williams, PM Treas.
Bro. William C. Zerby, PM Sec'y.
Bro Mark E. Bledsoe Chaplain



Bro. Terry Tripp S.D.
Bro. Robert Mull J.D.
Bro. Nicholas C. Coyle Steward
Bro. Joseph S. Kawalski Steward
Bro Christopher A. White as Tyler
Bro. _____ as Marshall

Lodge opened on the third degree of Masonry in Due Form at 7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lodge #3 was opened in due form by the WM.

After the flag ceremony the WM recognized all Veterans, Certified Lecturers, Past Masters, Coaches, First Responders, and prior/current District Officers.

SD introduced our guests.

Sick and Shut-ins: Bro Kevin Yates & wife Addie
Bro Riley Hughes is in the hospital
Bro Nathan Benischek mother is in the hospital
Unspoken needs of our Brothers and Widows

The minutes of the last Stated Communication of June 12 and Emergent Communication of June 19 were read for information.

WM dispensed with labor in this MM lodge and directed the SD to conduct bro David A. Blonn before the east for examination on the Entered Apprentice catechism. The examination was given by bro Tim Harris. The WM found bro Blonn's examination to be satisfactory and congratulated the bro.

Masonic Education: Bro Bob Mull gave a lesson on the importance of the folding of the American flag it the meaning of each fold

The WM asked for all who are not MM to retire and labor was resumed in this MM lodge.

The petition for Affiliation of Kenneth D Baker & Martin J. Spears was read aloud to the lodge.

WM assign investigating committees for Mr. Steven Lagensheidt petition for degrees and bro. William Keeley petition for affiliation

Bills Allowed: \$32.50 to bro Joseph Kawalski for the meal of 6-19-24
\$180.37 to bro Nicholas Coyle for meals for last stated and tomorrow emergent communication

Motion by bro Robert Mull 2nd by Nicholas Coyle to pay the bills, motion carried

Treasurers Report: WB Tom Williams gave the treasurers report. Gen Account \$62,285.93
Mngt Account \$15,204384

Old Business: WM announced that the Traveling Gavel has been handed off to Cherry Point Lodge No. 688, thanks to the brothers who traveled out to Cherry Point Lodge on 20 June 2024, (Tim, Dominick, Bob, & Mark)

Reminder of 2nd Degree, 27 June 2024, Meal 6:30 / Lodge Tyled 7:30 (3 Candidates, David Blonn, Robert Webster, Joshua Kanuck (Courtesy Newport Lodge).

New Business: A discussion was held on 50yr + members and their dues, the code requires a motion be made annually for remittance of lodge dues. A motion was made bro Tim Harris and 2nd by bro Robert Mull to remit dues of 50 yr members 2024 dues. Motion carried

A motion was made by bro Tim Harris and 2nd by bro Nicholas Coyle to 2025 remit dues for 50yr members. Motion carried.

A presentation was made by both York Rite & Sottish Rite members to our new Master Masons.

WM announces that petitions for degrees applications will be done online through Grandview and that initiation fees have been increased.

WM discussed the endowment membership option of \$1,911 and can done in 5 payments.

National Sojourners Heroes of 76 will be putting on a colonial candlelight degree at St. John's on Thursday 22 August 2024 leading up to the New Bern Resolves anniversary. (It is our intent to raise Bro. Rob Webster that evening.)

Wm announced the Grand Master District Meeting Aug. 28th here at St. John's

Coaching: 1 st Degree: David Blonn, Robert Webster (awaiting degree), Richard Magda
2 nd Degree: Matthew Arnold,
3 rd Degree:

Important Dates

- Jul 3 – SAR Hosted Wood Duck BB Game @ 6pm Tickets \$25.00/person
- Jul 6 – Coffee & donuts @ 9am
- Aug 24 – NB Resolves, Candlelight Degree
- Oct 26 –PM & Ladies night dinner
- Aug 28 - GL District meeting hosted @ St. John's
- Jun 27 – 2nd degree, meal @ 630, lodge @ 730

The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation: Discussion and Proposal of Lease Between Historic Preservation Foundation and Lodge for Management of Property.

WB David Daniels made a motion and was 2nd by bro Joseph Kawalski that the lodge allow the trustees of the lodge to discuss the lease arrangement with the Historic Preservation Foundation. Motion carried.

Membership Outreach: Bro Mark Bledsoe announced the next Coffee & Donuts event will be Jul 6 @ 9am

Good of Masonry: Bro Tim Harris thanked the bros from Royal Heart Lodge for attending tonight.

WM thanked bro Joseph Kawalski for the meal.

The meal was served in Lowthorp hall before the meeting.

There being no further business to come before this Lodge, the minutes were read and approved, and this Lodge was closed in due form.

William C. Zerby, PM
Secretary