Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 10 July, 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.	$\textcircled{\textbf{a}}$	Bro. Joseph E. Fuller, PM	as S.D.
Bro. Timothy J. Harris	S.W.		Bro. Robert Mull	J.D.
Bro. Dominick P. Giorgianni	J.W.		Bro. Nicholas C. Coyle	Steward
Bro Thomas L. Williams, PM	I Treas.		Bro. Joseph S. Kawalski	Steward
Bro. William C. Zerby, PM	Sec'y.		Bro Robert P. Parks	as Tyler
Bro Mark E. Bledsoe	Chaplain		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 Family of bro Earl W. Chancellor Unspoken needs of our Brothers and Widows

WM dispensed with labor in this MM lodge and directed the SD to conduct bro Robert Webster before the east for examination on the Fellow Craft catechism. The examination was given by bro Tim Harris. The WM found bro Webster's examination to be satisfactory and congratulated the bro.

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

Treasurers Report: WB Tom Williams gave the treasurers report.	Gen Account	\$63,235.37
	Mngt Account	\$11,503.57

The minutes of the last Stated Communication of June 26 and Emergent Communication of June 27 were read for information.

Bills Allowed: \$91.37 to bro Tim Harris for soft drinks \$63.27 to bro Nicholas Covle for drinks \$192.15 for Lowthorp hall HVAC repair \$170.80 to Ernuls for PC repair

Motion by bro Tom Harris 2nd by Mark Bledsoe to pay the bills, motion carried

The WM asked the SD to prepare the ballot box. The lodge balloted on the Petition for Degrees in Masonry of Mr. Steven Langenscheidt. Mr. Langenscheidt was elected to receive Degrees in Masonry.

The WM asked the SD to prepare the ballot box. The lodge balloted on the Application for Affiliation of Bro William Keeley III of Kootenai lodge #24. Bro Keeley was elected affiliation in Saint John's.

An investigation Committee was assigned to bro Joe R. Winchester

The Application for Affiliation for bro Aquiles P Faustino was read aloud to the lodge.

Old Business: - WM reminded everyone on the new petitioner process.

- WM gave a reminder about the lodge Polos, Please see Mark Bledsoe and place name on the sign-up sheet for those who want or are needing shirts.
- WM commented on the Endowed Membership, cost is currently only \$1911.00 for one-time payment or can be broken up into 5 annual payments of 477.75
- WM discussed the planned trip to attend Royal White Hart No. 2 Stated Communication in Halifax NC on July 20th 2024. We will meet at Lodge at 0700- Return by 1400.

- 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 reminded the lodge that the GM District Meeting will at St. John's on Aug 28.
- Thanks for everyone attending Coffee and Donuts event.
- New Business: WM announced that Grandview has been purchased by Grand Lodge of NC along with 3 other Grand jurisdictions.

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

Important Dates

- Jul 17 1st degree & receiving Grand Master practice 6pm
 - Jul 31 1^{st} degree @ St . John's. 630 meal, 730 degree
 - Aug 2 Lux Libertas will be at Zion lodge 81 meal 6pm meeting 7pm
 - Aug 3 PGM 3rd degree @ Semper Fidelis lodge
 - Aug 24 NB Resolves, Candlelight Degree
 - Aug 28 GL District meeting hosted @ St. John's
 - Oct 26 -PM & Ladies night dinner

Fund Raiser: Sottish Rite will be having a golf tournament @ Emerald Country Club on Oct 5th.

The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation:

Discussion and Proposal of Lease Between Historic Preservation Foundation and Lodge for Management of Property excluding 3rd floor.

WB David Daniels motioned that the lodge enter an lease agreement with The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation and was 2nd by WB James Wiley. After discussion, motion carried.

Membership Outreach: Bro Mark Bledsoe announced the next Coffee & Donuts event will be Aug 3rd @ 9am

WM thanked bro Dominick Giorgianni 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