

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 14 Aug, 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. W. Terry Tripp S.D.
Bro. Robert D. 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 Tim Pugh's wife is down with COVID
Unspoken needs of our Brothers and Widows

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 Fellow Craft catechism. The examination was given by bro Tim Harris. The WM found bro Blonn's examination to be satisfactory and congratulated him.

WM directed the SD to conduct bro Steven Langenscheidt before the east for examination on the Entered Apprentice catechism. The examination was given by bro Tim Harris. The WM found bro Langenscheidt's examination to be satisfactory and congratulated him.

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

The minutes of the last Stated Communication of July 24 and Emergent Communication of July 31 was read for information.

Treasurers Report: WB Tom Williams gave the treasurers report. Gen Account \$65,732.80
Mngt Account \$11,896.98

Bills Allowed: \$53.78 to bro Tim Harris for part of Emergent Communication meal
\$156.08 to bro Nicholas Coyle for tonight's and part of Emergent Communication meal
\$49.95 to bro Joseph Kawalski for drinks and part of Emergent Communications meal

Motion by bro Robert Mull 2nd by bro Dominick Giorgianni to pay the bills, motion carried

The applications for Affiliation for bro Jason A. Maxey and bro Christopher B. Fuller were read aloud to the lodge.

The Petition for Degrees for Mr. Heath A. McLamb 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. Order will be closed next Stated Communication
 - 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
 - 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.) Meal @ 630, Degree @ 730.
 - WM reminded the lodge that the GM District Meeting will at St. John's on Aug 28. Chef's Crew will be providing meal. Attire will be suit and tie.

New Business: WM reported that the A/C for Lowthorp Hall is to be repaired on Friday 8/16 and that the A/C installation for 1st Floor and Old LOP Room Install began 8/14 to be completed before 8/28.

WM congratulated bro Tim Harris on receiving Class B Certified Lecturer

WM announced we will be having a building cleanup on Aug 17 @ 8:00 am in preparation of the GM visit

The Sottish Rite will be holding a golf tournament Oct 5.

Zion lodge will have an event to raise funds for a Gator for Oxford.

GM confirmed his attendance for Sojourners 3rd degree. A motion was made by bro Robert Mull to pay for lodging and was 2nd by bro Dominick Giorgianni. Motoin carried

WB Doug Soltow announced the trip to Schenevus Valley Lodge #592 in New York will be Sept 6-10 and they intend on leaving around 6am.

Coaching: 1 st Degree Richard Magda, Steven Langenscheidt (gave back 1st tonight)
2 nd Degree: David Blonn (gave back 2nd tonight), Robert Webster (waiting on 3rd)Matthew Arnold,
3 rd Degree:

Membership Outreach Report: Bro Mark Bledsoe reported on the last coffee & donut event and announced the next Coffee & Donuts event will be Sept 7 @ 9am. He also presented pins to WM, SW and JW from JW Peter Ryan of Jamesville Masonic Center in Wisconsin.

Important Dates

- Aug 19 Newport Lodge 706 will be holding a 3rd degree meal @ 630, degree @ 730
- Aug 19 Rainbow Lodge 479 will be having a 2nd degree @ 730
- Aug 21 Practice receiving the GM for District meeting @ 530
- Aug 22 – NB Resolves, Candlelight Degree
- Aug 23 Grave marking @ Christ Church. 5pm Dinner 6pm
- Aug 23 GM will be presenting 60 & 70 year awards. It will be a Home Presentaton
- Aug 28 - GM District meeting hosted @ St. John's
- Aug 31 York Rite will be having an Open House from 11 to 1
- Sept 6-10 Schenevus Valley Lodge #592 in New York trip
- Oct 26 –PM & Ladies night dinner

The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation:

Bro David Daniels reported that the lease agreement has been signed and is effective Sept 1, 2024 and they are working on the lease for both the theatre group and VEMA.

The banquet room duct work will be installed next week.

Construction has been started on the 2nd floor bathroom.

The basement was flooded from all the rain.

The Foundation received a grant which is earmarked for planning only.

Good of Masonry: Bro Tim Harris commented events that could earn Loin & Pillar points

WM thanked bro Nicholas Coyle 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