

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. Joseph E. Fuller, PM as 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.

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The WM recognized all Veterans, Certified Lecturers, Past Masters, Coaches, First Responders, prior/current District Officers and new master masons.

SD introduced our guests.

Sick and Shut-ins: Bro Kevin Yates & wife Addie
Bro Terry Tripp is out with COVID
WB Roy Faron is very ill
WB Johnny Pugh has had teeth pulled
Unspoken needs of our Brothers and Widows

The minutes of the last Stated Communication of Aug 14 was postponed until our next stated communication.

Treasurers Report: WB Tom Williams gave the treasurers report. Gen Account \$65,170.00
Mngt Account \$8,623.83

Balloting on pending applications for affiliations will be held on next stated communication of Sept 11.

Old Business: - WM reminded everyone regarding 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
- Thanks to everyone who attended the National Sojourners Colonial Candlelight Degree and the New Bern Resolves. Had over 60+ brothers in attendance for degree and 40+ brothers in attendance for Resolves.-
- A report was given on the repairs and/or replacements of HVAC units
- WM thanked all the bros that helped with the lodge building cleanup.
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- Important Dates
- 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
 - Sept 21 York Rite festival
 - Oct 18-19 Scottish Rite Reunion
 - Oct 26 -PM & Ladies night dinner

WM passed the gavel to WM Grand Master to conduct district meeting.

SD introduced our guests

MW recognized the certified lecturers present.

WB Kevin Otis spoke on the charities for the Masonic Home for Children and on the importance of the adoption program. Remember....Pray, Present & Provide for the Children's Home.

WB Mark Lewis spoke on Whitestone and the Fraternal Friendship Program (Financial Support, Case Management, Health care & Widows).

MW spoke on the NC Foundation and it's support of the Masonic Home for Children & Whitestone.

Spoke on the importance of knowing our rituals and being able to resite them.

Addressed the apprentice retention by the works of the lodge and the new prospect process with Grandview.

Good of Masonry: A certificate of appreciation was given to the DDGM, WB Bill Sanders, for the continued support of the 7th Masonic District, Prince Hall.

MW Grand Master presented a 50yr award to WB Ernest C. Richardson III.

WM thanked The Chef's Crew 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 approved as they will be written and this Lodge was closed in ample form.

William C. Zerby, PM
Secretary