

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 11 Dec, 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 Robert W. Webster 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.

There was an alarm at the door caused by Deputy District Grand Master AF & AM, for the 7th Masonic District, WB Bill Sanders. The WM prepared the lodge and the DDGM was received into the lodge. WM led the lodge in rendering private grand honors

Bro Dominick Giorgianni reported on the results of the investigation committee regarding the un-masonic conduct of a lodge member.

DDGM reported on the results of un-masonic conduct charges brought to a member of the lodge. No violation was found. Masonic education is directed regarding elections.

SD introduced our guests.

Sick and Shut-ins: Bro Kevin Yates & wife Addie
 Those in the western part of the state
 WB James Warren diagnosed with tumor, undergoing treatment
 Unspoken needs of our Brothers and Widows

The minutes of the last Stated Communication of Nov 27 and Emergent Communication of Dec 4 was read for information.

Treasurers Report: WB Tom Williams gave the treasurers report.	Gen Account	\$65,791.98
	Mngt Account	\$5,569.46

Bills Allowed: \$146.00 to WB William Zerby for postage
 \$189.59 to Nicholas Coyle for 1st degree of Dec 4 meal

Motion by WB Johnny Pugh 2nd by bro Robert Webster to pay the bills, motion carried.

The Application for Affiliation for bro Glen M. Carpenter was read aloud to the lodge.

A motion was made to suspend bros. Luke A. Dalton and Richard S. Norville for non-payment of dues. Motioned by bro Joseph Kawalski 2nd by Nicholas Coyle motion carried.

WM directed the SD to prepare the ballot box and the lodge balloted on the Application for Affiliation of bro Richard E. Harris. Bro Harris was elected to receive affiliation with this lodge.

- Old Business:
- 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
 - A report on the allegations of Un-masonic Conduct was given.

- New Business:
- WM reminded the bros that dues are able to be paid online via Grandview
- WM closed the Lodge of Sorrow for the year of 2024 for brothers:
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| Rodney K. Bell | Jan 24, 2024 |
| Fredrick L. Bender | Feb 20, 2024 |
| Earl W. Chancellor | Jun 27, 2024 |
| James M. Hardison Jr. | Mar 21, 2024 |
| Peter M. Heiman | Oct 27, 2024 |

Membership Outreach: Bro Nark Bledsoe reported on the last coffee & donuts event and thanked everyone for it's success. Next is scheduled for Jan 4 @ 9am.

- Important Dates:
- Dec 14 – Wreaths across America. 12 noon. Escort will be 12 Dec 9:30
 - Reminder...We will not have a Stated Comm on Dec 25th
 - Coffee and Donuts, next date Jan 4th. @ 9am
 - Reminder of GM District's 4&7 meeting Jan 18 breakfast @ 8am, meeting @ 9am
 - Grotto installation social 6pm
 - Dec 18 – Closed Installation of Officers 7pm. Light refreshments prior

The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation Report: WM reported on the 2nd floor construction progress.

WM thanked bro's 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

Deceased:

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