

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 28 May, 2025

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. Dominick P Giorgianni S.W.
Bro W. Terry Tripp J.W.
Bro James A. Wiley , PM as Treas.
Bro. William C. Zerby, PM Sec'y.
Bro Mark E. Bledsoe as Chaplain



Bro. Francis L. Anson S.D.
Bro. Joseph S. Kawalski J.D.
Bro. Nicholas C. Coyle Steward
Bro. Christopher A. White Steward
Bro. Kito B. Romans 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, there was alarm at the door caused by RW Michael A. Register, Junior Grand Warden of GL of AF & AM in NC. RW Register was received into the lodge and the WM lead the lodge in rendering private Grand Honors.

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. David Blonn's Mother-in-Law, back home recovering.
 WB James Warren is still, undergoing treatment
 Keep WB Fred Whitty in our prayers
 WB Warren Taylor's wife was taken to hospital
 WB Tom Williams has had eye surgery
 Those in the western part of the state in our thoughts and prayers
 Unspoken needs of our Brothers and Widows

Good News: - Thanks to the brethren who attended the Memorial Day Service at New Bern National Cemetery.
 - Bro Joseph Kawalski announced his daughter celebrated her 4th birthday
 - Bro Mark Bledsoe announced that he is a great-great uncle for the 2nd time

The minutes of the last Stated Communication of May 14 was read for information.

Treasurers Report: No treasures report

Bills Allowed: \$61.90 to bro Dominick Giorgianni for printer supplies (ink)

Motion by bro Joseph Kawalski 2nd by bro Nicolas Coyle to pay the bills, motion carried.

Old Business: - Reminder to Brethren, please pay your dues for 2025, we currently have 29 brothers owing dues for 2025, As a reminder, later this year, anyone owing dues for 1 year or more will be excluded for Non Payment of Dues in accordance with the Code.
 - 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
 - Contractor is progressing on the work on the fireplace.
- Bro Dominick Giorgianni reported on the New Bern Masons Hall web site to see progress on the fireplace repairs to include pictures

- New Business: -
- Notice to brethren we will be in Coat and Tie until 1st Stated Communication in June
 - Bro. Bradham Bear dedication date of June 14, 2025 @ 11AM. RW Michael Register will be in attendance. Coffee & Donuts has been moved to 14 June.
 - 31st May the Scottish Rite is doing Veterans, 1st Responders & Educators Breakfast at York Rite. St. John's is partnering with them for Lion and Pillar credit. Time is 7am to 11am.
 - WM read a letter from the Town of River Bend inviting us to join them in their 4th of July celebration parade
 - WM read a thank you letter from Jackie Davis (Dale Davis wife).

Coaching Report: William Hall 2nd Degree / Aaron Weems 2nd Degree w/ WB Larry Mares

Building Report: - WM gave a progress report on painting and epoxy floor projects.

The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation:

- Fundraising Event Sponsorship on Sept 13th.
- WB David Daniels gave a report on the 2nd floor construction progress.

Membership Outreach: Coffee and Donuts will be moved to the 14th to accommodate for rental event and to coincide with Bear dedication

Fundraiser Report: Bro. Mark Bledsoe gave an update on raffle

Masonic Education: RW Michael Register gave a lesson on the importance of justice and the significance to the fraternity.

- Important Dates:
- 31 May- Veterans 1st Responder Breakfast at York Rite Temple 7-11 am
 - 4 Jun 1st degree @ St. John's. Meal@ 630 degree@ 730
 - 14 June 2025 Bro. Bradham Bear Dedication/Lodge Membership Group Picture @ 11am
 - 2 August 2025 District School of Instruction
 - 19 Jun Grotto will be having a social gathering at The Old Pinnix @ 5pm

WM thanked bro Christopher White 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