

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 11 June, 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 Joseph E. Fuller, PM as J.W.  
Bro Thomas L. Williams, PM Treas.  
Bro. William C. Zerby, PM Sec'y.  
Bro Robert W. Webster Chaplain



Bro. Francis L. Anson S.D.  
Bro. Joseph S. Kawalski J.D.  
Bro. Nicholas C. Coyle Steward  
Bro. Christopher A. White Steward  
Bro. Mark E. Bledsoe as Tyler  
Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ as Marshall

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Lodge opened on the third degree of Masonry in Due Form at 7:30 p.m.

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St. John's Lodge #3 was opened in due form by the WM. After the Flag Ceremony, WM recognized all Veterans, Certified Lecturers, Past Masters, Coaches, First Responders, and prior/current District Officers.

Sick and Shut-ins Bro. David Blonn's Mother-in-Law, back in hospital for surgery.  
WB James Warren has stopped treatment.  
Keep WB Fred Whitty in our prayers  
Bro Kevin Yates in our thoughts and prayers as he recovers from surgery and awaits results.  
Bro Mark Weaver is having open heart 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 all the brethren who came out and supported the Veterans /1st Responders & Educators Breakfast on 31 May 2025.  
Congratulate Terry on conferring his first degree.  
WM presented bro Devin Carmichael with his endowment certificate.  
Bro Dominick Giorgianni report on his attending a MM degree in New Jersey  
WB Joe Owens announced his son has had the 1<sup>st</sup> Grand daughter

The minutes of the last Stated Communication of May 28 and Emergent Communication of June 4 were read for information.

Treasurers Report: WB Tom Williams gave the treasurers report: Gen Acct: \$73,026.76  
Mngt Acct: \$4,616.35

Bills Allowed: \$177.74 Bro Terry Tripp for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree meal  
\$38.70 Bro Nicholas Coyle for drinks  
\$51.94 Bro Dominick Giorgianni for 1<sup>st</sup> degree meal  
\$79.12 Bro Mark Bledsoe for  
\$188.32 to Atlantic Engraving for stair-step plaques  
\$257.89 to Christopher White for last stated and tonight's meals

Motion by bro Robert Webster 2<sup>nd</sup> by bro Robert Mull to pay the bills, motion carried.

- Old Business:
- Reminder to Brethren, please pay your dues for 2025, we currently have 26 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
- New Business:
- BEAR DEDICATION
    - Bro. Bradham Bear Dedication on 14 June 2025 @ 11AM, Coffee and Donuts will begin at 9AM, we will have refreshments provided following the event. Junior Grand Warden, RW Bro. Mike Register will be in attendance as representative to the Grand Master
    - Would like to call a lodge workday on Friday, 13 June 2025 at 11am for those able to assist with cleaning up around the lodge and preparing for the festivities.
    - Request volunteers to assist with cooking, inquire if there are any brothers that would be willing to provide transportation to a few brothers who might be unable to otherwise drive asking that you have a car that is reasonable to get in and out of.
    - WM announced there will be a PM 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Date 16 July. Meal @ 630, Degree @ 730
    - Bro Francis Anson gave a report on the book club. Next meeting is scheduled for 27 July.
    - WM read more proposed amendments to the code
    - Bro Francis Anson spoke on the possibility of starting a lodge scholarship
- Coaching Report: William Hall 2nd Degree / Aaron Weems 2nd Degree w/ WB Larry Mares  
Roger Baysden 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Building Report:
- WM reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathrooms are in service.
  - Multimedia use is now available in the banquet hall.
- Fundraiser Report: Bro. Mark Bledsoe gave an update on raffle
- Masonic Education: Bro's Robert Mull and Glenn Carpenter gave a lesson on the Battle of Bunker Hill and remembrance of bro Joseph Warren, Dr. ,Sons of Liberty, losing his life on June 17, 1775.
- Important Dates:
- 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
  - 16 Jun 1<sup>st</sup> degree Newport Lodge Meal @ 6pm Degree @ 7pm
  - 27 Jul Book club meeting @ 2pm
  - 23 Aug SAR/DAR NB Resolve, time TBA
  - 23 Jul Ribs Cooking Contest @ stated Communication

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.

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William C. Zerby. PM  
Secretary