

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 25 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 W. Terry Tripp J.W.  
Bro Thomas L. Williams, PM 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

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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, recovering from surgery.  
WB James Warren, is undergoing new treatment.  
Keep WB Fred Whitty in our thoughts and prayers  
Bro Kevin Yates in our thoughts and prayers.  
Bro Mark Weaver is recovering from open heart surgery  
WB Billy Joiner keep in thoughts and prayers from passing of wife on 22 June 2025  
Bro Marvin Mills Passed Away Born:1/12/1934 / Died: 6/17/2025 (Initiated: 3/27/63  
Passed:4/24/63 Raised:6/12/63). WM read his obituary.  
WB Arthur Romans is having surgery on Friday  
Bro Mike Sutton had passed away. Keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.  
Bro Bob Mull's brother-on-law is not doing well  
Bro William Hall's brother-in-law was killed in a motor cycle accident.  
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 for the Bro Bradham Bear Dedication, we had approximately (41) members from St. John's (55) Masons total and over 97 in attendance.  
Once again congratulate to Terry on conferring his first degree since he wasn't at our last meeting.  
Bro Mark Bledsoe announces his Son-in-law is celebrating a 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.  
Bro Joseph Kawalski announced his son is attending ROTC Leadership Training

The minutes of the last Stated Communication of June 11 was read for information.

Treasurers Report: WB Tom Williams gave the treasurers report: Gen Acct: \$72,906.27  
Mngt Acct: \$4,561.79

Bills Allowed: \$79.12 to bro Mark Bledsoe for stated communication of 11 June meal  
\$51.83 to bro Chris White for drinks  
\$231.15 to Arthur Romans for Bear Dedication meal  
\$16.56 to Scottish Rite for mailing of birthday cards  
\$340.51 to bro Dominick Giorgianni for Bradham Bead Dedication  
\$97.20 to bro Terry Tripp for tonight's meal  
\$35.00 to GL of PA for Masonic Scouting Award

Motion by bro Mark Bledsoe 2<sup>nd</sup> by bro Nicholas Coyle to pay the bills, motion carried.

Sec read a request from Doric lodge #568 to confer the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree for bro Michael F. Barros

WM directed the SD to prepare the ballot box and the lodge balloted on the application for affiliation of bro Trevor Tompkins. Bro. Tompkins was elected affiliation with St. John's lodge.

Old Business: - WM extended thanks to Eastern Star and Amaranth for support with the Bradham Bear Dedication  
- 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: - WM announced the Lion and Pillar Report and Submission  
- WM wished everyone Happy St. John's Day (Yesterday 24th of June)  
- PAST MASTERS 3RD DEGREE will be 16 JULY 2025. 6:30 Meal 7:30 Degree. 1<sup>st</sup> practice 2 Jul 25 6pm  
- WM read more Proposed Amendments to the Code.

Coaching Report: William Hall 2nd Degree / Aaron Weems 2nd Degree w/ WB Larry Mares  
Roger Baysden 1<sup>st</sup> degree

Building Report: - WM commented on the Bradham Bear dedication  
- WM announced there are 2 85" TV's operational in the Banquet Hall. Also, the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathrooms are now operational  
- Bro Dominick Giorgianni thanked Bro Mark Bledsoe, WB Joe Fuller & his daughter for the décor work in the preparation room

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

Membership Outreach: Bro Mark Bledsoe reported on the coffee & donuts event and made a motion for the purchase of a new coffee pot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by bro Tim Pugh. Motion carries.  
Bro Mark Bledsoe commented on the River Bend 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Line-up - 1030am, step-off - 1100am. Also, he spoke on "Fishing-with-a-Cop" program on Labor Day, Sept 1.  
A motion was made for a \$200.00 donation to the NB Resolves by bro Dominick Giorgianni 2<sup>nd</sup> by bro Joseph Kawalski. Motion carried,

Masonic Education: Bro's Bob Martelet gave a lesson on the Deacons Staffs and what it represents to our craft.

Good of Masonry: Discussion was had on the starting of a scholarship fund. Many ideas were proposed.  
WB James Wiley and WB Doug Soltow agreed to donate what their children had received.

- Important Dates:
- 2 Jul PM 3<sup>rd</sup> degree practice @ 6pm
  - 5 July 2025 Coffee and Donuts with Masons @ 9AM,
  - 16 Jul, PM 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, Meal @ 630, degree @ 730
  - 23 Jul Ribs Cooking Contest @ stated Communication
  - 24 Jul Blood Drive @ Trent Woods Town Hall 8am-4pm
  - 27 Jul Book club meeting @ 2pm
  - 2 August 2025 District School of Instruction
  - 23 Aug SAR/DAR NB Resolve, time TBA

WM thanked bro Terry Tripp 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