

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 9 July 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 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, recovering from surgery.  
WB James Warren, keep him in your thoughts and prayers.  
Keep WB Fred Whitty in our thoughts and prayers  
Bro Mark Weaver is recovering from open heart surgery  
WM Arthur Romans is recovering from surgery  
Those in the western part of the state in our thoughts and prayers  
Unspoken needs of our Brothers and Widows

Good News: WM extended thanks to all the brethren who came out and participated in the River Bend 4th of July Parade.

WM dispensed with labor in this MM lodge and directed the SD to conduct bro William Hall before the east for examination on the Fellowcraft catechism. The examination was given by WB Arthur Romans. The WM found bro Hall's examination to be satisfactory and congratulated the bro. WM asked all who are not MM to retire and labor was resumed in this MM lodge.

The minutes of the last Stated Communication of June 25 was read for information.

Treasurers Report: WB Tom Williams gave the treasurers report: Gen Acct: \$72,773.08  
Mngt Acct: \$4,510.10

Bills Allowed: \$128.10 to bro Mark Bledsoe for purchase of new coffee urn  
\$109.43 to bro Dominick Giorgianni for Bradham Bear dedication  
\$237.50 to Oxford print & design for Trestle Board mailings  
\$11.73 to Scottish Rite for birthday letters mailing  
\$52.38 to bro Nicholas Coyle for this evenings meal

Motion by bro Joseph Kawalski 2<sup>nd</sup> by bro Robert Webster 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
- Past Masters 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree will be 16 JULY 2025. 6:30 Meal 7:30 Degree. Practice on 10 July @ 6pm.
- Remember that next stated communication we will have a "Rib Competition" for our meal. Those interested brothers please see Bro. Rob Webster for more information.
- As a reminder we are in the initial stages of reinvigorating the scholarship program for St. John's No. 3, thanks to WB Wiley and Soltow for committing to help seed the pot with initial donations matching previous funds received by their family members.

New Business: - WB Tom Williams motioned that we invest in a Money Market account and move \$50,000.00 into that account, 2<sup>nd</sup> by bro Mark Bledsoe. Motion carried

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

Building Report: - WM report there was some vandalism to the Bradham Bear but was able to be cleaned up.

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

Membership Outreach: Bro Mark Bledsoe gave an update on the coffee & donuts event and also thanked all who attended the River Bend parade. Bro Dominick Giorgianni also commented.

Masonic Education: Bro Steven Langenscheidt gave a lesson on the Temple work in Germany on the 1<sup>st</sup> degree.

Book Club: Bro Francis Anson gave reported on the book club. The next meeting will be 27 July 2025.

Important Dates:

- 14 Jul Scottish Rite LOP. Meal provided by Nights of Solomon
- 16 July ST John's PM 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Meal @ 630, degree @ 730
- 23 Jul Ribs Cooking Contest @ stated Communication
- 24 Jul 2025 - Blood Drive at Trent Woods Town Hall, NBMTF will receive a donation for every pint of blood donated.
- 27 Jul Book club meeting @ 2pm
- 2 Aug Grotto is having an Ice Cream Social @ Temple Baptist Church. 8-11am
- 2 Aug 2025 - Coffee and Donuts with Masons @ 8am.
- 2 Aug 2025 District School of Instruction @ 9am. Refreshments @ 8am
- 23 Aug 251st Anniversary Observance of New Bern Resolves (Parade Steps off 9:30AM by History Center)
- 1 Sept Fih-with-a-cop. Time TBA
- 13 Sept NB Preservation Foundation will have "Best of Broadway". They are looking for donations

Good of Masonry: Bro Steven Langenscheidt & Natasha are getting married.

WM thanked bro Nicholas Coyle 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