

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 10 September 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 Douglas L. Soltow, PM as J.W.
Bro James A. Wiley, PM as Treas.
Bro. Joseph E. Fuller, PM as 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

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, WM recognized all Veterans, Certified Lecturers, Past Masters, Coaches, First Responders, and prior/current District Officers.

SD introduced our guests

Sick and Shut-ins: WB James Warren, keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
Keep WB Fred Whitty in our thoughts and prayers
WB Riley Hughes in recovery
Bro Earl Temple is suffering from cancer
WB James Wiley is having eye issues
Candi Williams, wife of WB Tom Williams, is in the hospital
Bro Joe Owens
WB Ralph Fuller
Pinky Kischner
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 brothers who donated to fishing with a cop in River Bend the event was a great success.
Thanks to all the bros that participated in the Fishing-with-a-cop. Corin Nemec, actor, from Texas, visited the lodge.
Kito Romans son's 6th birthday

Bills Allowed: \$58.85 to Atlantis Designs for
\$31.52 to bro Terry Tripp for tonights meal
11.84 to Valley of New Bern for postage

Motion by bro Nicholas Coyle 2nd 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
 - Reminder of St. John's Lodge No. 3 Homecoming Banquet honoring our Past Masters, Ladies and Awardees
 - .Whitestone Fraternal Friendship WB Joey Transou will be giving an educational program on 22 Oct 25. This will be given after the meal, but before the lodge is opened, this education will be open to all Masons, Spouses and Widows who would like more information on this program.
- New Business:
- Reminder, beginning on the first stated in September we will be going back to Coat and Tie for communications.
 - Cover proposed amendments to the code.
 - We will also be reading and deciding on how the lodge would like its delegates to vote on the proposed amendments to The Code.
 - Ask for volunteers to assist with Best of Broadway Event need help with greeters, checking tickets for guests and other jobs such as emptying trash and so forth.
 - NPD list was read by the WM
 - A motion was made by bro Joseph Fuller, 2nd by Domimick Giorgianni to remit dues for bros Paul G. McCallum & Salvator M. Mascia. Motion carried
- Coaching Report: William Hall – working on 3rd deg, Aaron Weems awaiting 3rd deg w/ WB Larry Mares.
Roger Baysden - awaiting 2nd degree Scheduled 17 Sep
- Building Report: WM presented final invoice for work completed.
WM commented on completed work. Final total for work completed was 5,358.00
- Fundraiser Report: Bro. Mark Bledsoe held the raffle drawing. The winners were:
1st – Walter Waters
2nd Pat Gallagher
3rd Lance Henline
- Membership Outreach: Bro Mark Bledsoe gave an update on the coffee & donuts event. Next event scheduled for Oct 4 @ 9am. He also spoke on the success of “Fishin-with-a-cop” event on Sept 1
- Book Club: WM gave reported on the book club. The next meeting will be 21 Sept 2025 @ 2 pm. The book reading will be “The Craft & It's Symbols”.
- The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation: WM gave an update on the “Best of Broadway” event.

- Important Dates:
- 11 & 16 Sept @ 6:30PM Practice 2nd Degree,
 - 13 Sept - NB Preservation Foundation will have "Best of Broadway". They are looking for donations
 - 17 Sept - 2nd Degree meal 630 degree 730
 - 5 Sept - Blood drive 12-5 @ York Rite Temple
 - 17 Sept - DAR/SAR is having a ceremony to celebrate the signing of The Constitution. Place- Tryon Gates, Time- 245 pm
 - 18-20 Sept- Grand Lodge in NC Annual Communication
 - 21 Sept - Book Club @ 2 pm
 - 4 Oct - Scottish Rite Golf Tournament in New Bern
 - 10-11 Oct Oxford Homecoming
 - 17-18 Oct Scottish Rite Fall Reunion
 - 22 Oct Special education on the Masonic Foundation

Good of Masonry: SW gave a report on the return of the printers plate (Video on next stated communication).

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.

WB Joseph Fuller, PM

As Secretary