

- Old Business:
- Reminder to Brethren, please pay your dues for 2025, we currently have 18 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, scheduled for Nov 15, 2025 @ 530 pm, 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:
- Next GL Annual Communication scheduled for 25-26 Sept 2026
 - Discussion was held regarding the Adopt-a-Highway renewal.
 - WM read letter from the Office of the Judge Advocate regard the expulsion of a Timothy Harris of St. John's lodge #3.
 - WM announced a 1st degree at Grantham Lodge. Meal @ 630, Degree @ 730pm
 - WM reviewed the motion for the moving of monies to a Truist acct. Discussion was had. A motion was made by bro Mark Bledsoe, 2nd by bro Joseph Kawalski, to move \$50,000.00 to a Masonic Foundation account for investment. Motion carried.
- Coaching Report: William Hall – working on 3rd deg catechism,
Aaron Weems awaiting 3rd deg w/ WB Larry Mares.
Roger Baysden – coaching on 2nd degree catechism.
- Building Report: WM reported on the rear elevator repairs progress.
- Membership Outreach: Bro Mark Bledsoe gave an update on the coffee & donuts event. Next event scheduled for Nov 1 @ 9am..
- The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation: WM reported their next meeting is scheduled for Oct 30 @ 530 in the banquet hall.
- Masonic Education: Bro Mark Bledsoe gave a lesson on “The Savannah Story” and the raising of a mason in the Union Army by a Confederate Lodge in Savannah during the Civil War.
- Important Dates:
- 9 Oct 1st degree, Grantham Lodge. Meal @ 630, Degree @ 730
 - 10-11 Oct Oxford Homecoming
 - 17-18 Oct Scottish Rite Fall Reunion
 - 22 Oct Special education on the Masonic Foundation prior to meeting.
Also, Step-up night
 - 26 Oct Book Club Meeting 2pm
 - 29 Oct Officer practice (3rd degree)
 - 1 Nov Installation of Grand Lodge in Wilmington
 - 15 Nov Homecoming, St. John's Lodge
 - 16 Nov SAR Commemorating Statia Day 2-3 pm
 - 15 Dec SAR Commemorating U.S. Bill of Rights Day 2-3 pm
- Good of Masonry: Bro Zack Carpenter, od Doric Lodge, presented St. John's Lodge a watercolor painting of St. John's building.

WM thanked bro Terry Tripp & Stewards 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