

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 22 October 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. Dominick P. Giorgianni as W.M.  
Bro. W. Terry Tripp as S.W.  
Bro Francis L. Anson as J.W.  
Bro Thomas L. Williams, PM Treas.  
Bro. William C. Zerby, PM Sec'y.  
Bro Mark E. Bledsoe as Chaplain



Bro. Joseph S. Kawalski as S.D.  
Bro. Nicholas C. Coyle as J.D.  
Bro. Christopher A. White as Steward  
Bro. Robert W. Webster as 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.

Our guests introduced themselves

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  
Candi Williams, wife of WB Tom Williams, is home with hospice  
Those in the western part of the state in our thoughts and prayers  
Unspoken needs of our Brothers and Widows

Good News: - Tidings (Good News Reports)  
- Thank you to WB Joey Transou for the presentation of the Fraternal Friendship program.  
- Bro Robert Webster sent concerns for those impacted by the government shutdown.  
- Congratulations went out to bro William Hall for his Scottish Rite initiation and his expecting a daughter

The minutes of the Stated Communication of 8 Oct was read for information

Treasurers Report: WB Tom Williams gave the treasurers report: Gen Acct: \$63,999.49 - \$50k for invesment  
Mngt Acct: \$4,510.10

Bills Allowed: \$285.78 to bro Allen Curtis for tonight's meal  
\$238.61 to SGA Print & Design for Sept/Oct trestle board

Motion by bro Nicolas Coyle 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 17 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. The names of those owing dues was read  
- 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
- WB Tom Williams discussed the Foundation Investment and where to invest. A motion was made by WB Arthur Romans, 2<sup>nd</sup> by br Mark Bledsoe to invest 100% into Equity Fund. Motion carried.

New Business: - Bro Robert Mull commented on the wreaths-across-America event. Dec 13<sup>th</sup> is set to place wreaths on headstones.

Coaching Report: William Hall – working on 3<sup>rd</sup> deg catechism,  
Aaron Weems awaiting 3<sup>rd</sup> deg w/ WB Larry Mares.  
Roger Baysden – coaching on 2<sup>nd</sup> degree catechism.

Building Report: WB Arthur Romans reported on the doors near the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathrooms.

Membership Outreach: Reminder, then next event is scheduled for Nov 1 @ 9am.

The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation: WB Arthur Romans commented on the Foundation trying to raise monies for the improvement of the building.

Book Club: The next meeting will be 26 Oct @ 2pm. Book reading is “The Craft & It’s Symbols”.

Masonic Education: WB Joey Transou gave a presentation on Whitestone & The Fraternal Friendship Program before the meeting.

RW Mike Register announced that he has moved into the area. Also, he spoke on leadership and education through mentorship and the importance it plays in being a Mason

Important Dates:

- 26 Oct Book Club Meeting 2pm
- 29 Oct Officer practice (3<sup>rd</sup> degree)
- 1 Nov Installation of Grand Lodge in Wilmington
- 1 Nov, Coffee & donuts. 9-11 am
- 5 Nov, officers 3<sup>rd</sup> degree practice
- 12 Nov, Elections
- 15 Nov Homecoming, St. John's Lodge
- 16 Nov SAR Commemorating Statia Day 2-3 pm @ Union Point Park
- 13 Dec Wreaths Across America
- 15 Dec SAR Commemorating U.S. Bill of Rights Day 2-3 pm @ Union Point Park

Good of Masonry: WB Arthur Romans commented on Step-Up-Night  
WB Fred Whitty showed off his lapel pin collection

WM thanked bro Terry Tripp, Allen Curtis & Stewards for the meal.

The meal was served in Ballroom 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

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Secretary

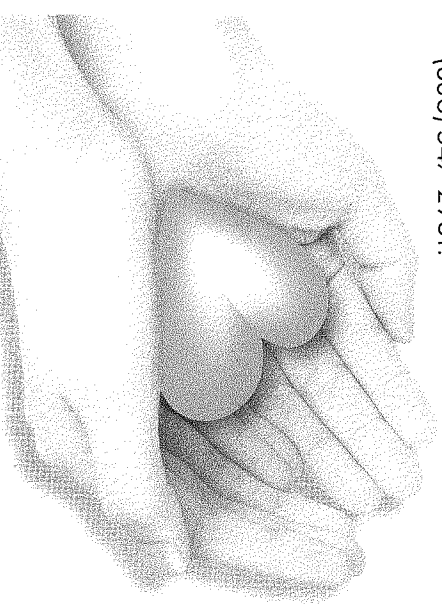
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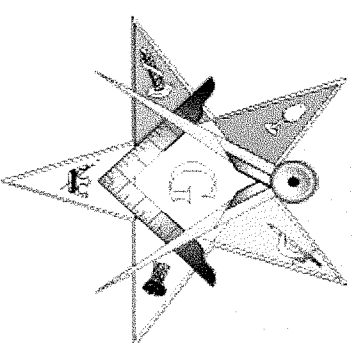
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This program, made possible by gifts from brothers and sisters, lodges, chapters and the Masonic and Eastern Star foundations, provides charitable assistance to all Masons and Stars in good standing wherever they are – at WhiteStone or at home.

The Fraternal Friendship program helps qualified and fraternally affiliated seniors cover WhiteStone's entrance fees, room and board, food costs, prescriptions and healthcare expenses.

For brothers and sisters who need help but want to remain at home, the program offers outreach assistance. Qualified members, their spouses and close family members who are at least 60 years old can apply. (In exceptional cases, special accommodations may be made for younger applicants.)

### We offer:

- Emergency (short- or long-term) assistance with basic needs such as utility bills, groceries, mortgage, rent or healthcare expenses
- Help with accessing benefits through Medicare, the VA and Medicaid
- Funding for home improvements, such as ramps, to aid mobility
- Long-term care referrals
- Case management and healthcare navigation services

## Lending our hands

As Masons and Eastern Stars, we live by faith, find motivation in hope, and share our hearts through charity. Lending our hands to brothers and sisters in need is what we do.

We pay our blessings forward.

WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star Community in Greensboro, was founded by generous and progressive brothers and sisters in 1912 as a haven for our senior members. We invite you to visit.

Every generation that followed has added improvements, and today our seniors can enjoy safe, healthy lives in our Greensboro community or right in their own homes.



## How to get help

If you or a brother or sister you know needs help, or if you're unsure you qualify, we want to hear from you. For a free and confidential consultation, contact:

Jenna Grant

Director of the Fraternal Friendship Program

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Greensboro, NC 27407

Direct line for assistance: (336) 547-2941 or  
(336) 601-5593

Email: [jgrant@liveatwhitestone.org](mailto:jgrant@liveatwhitestone.org)

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