

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 12 November 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

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 prayer, also, out with a cold
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):

- Happy 250th Birthday to the United States Marine Corps.
- Hope everyone had a great Veterans Day and thanks to all of our veterans for their service to our country.
- Bro Francis's daughter turned 16 and is driving (warning). Also, his middle daughter is engaged.
- WB Doug Soltow is celebrating his Great Grand daughter was born yesterday

The minutes of the Stated Communication of 22 Oct was read for information.

WM dispensed with labor in this MM lodge and directed the SD to conduct bro Roger Baysden before the east for examination on the Fellow Craft catechism. The examination was given by Bro Dominick Giorgianni. The WM found bro Baysden's examination to be satisfactory and congratulated him. WM asked all who are not MM to retire and labor was resumed in this MM lodge.

Treasurers Report: WB Tom Williams gave the treasurers report: Gen Acct: \$13,927.28
Mngt Acct: \$4,510.10
Invest Acct: \$50,000.00

Bills Allowed: \$279.36 to WB William Zerby for postage and supplies
\$11.68 to bro Christopher White for tonight's meal
\$17.76 to Scottish Whit for mailing of B'Day letters
\$11.00 to Atlantic Engraving for stair step plaque
\$235.61 to SGA printing for print and mailing of trestle board
\$101.15 to bro Terry Tripp for tonight's meal

Motion by bro Nicholas Coyle 2nd by bro Robert Webster to pay the bills, motion carried.

The petition for degrees in Masonry for Mr. James Scott Laurine was read aloud to the lodge

Old Business:

- Reminder to Brethren, please pay your dues for 2025, we currently have 16 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

New Business:

- WM recognized WB James Wiley (\$4000) and WB Doug Soltow (\$2000) for the contribution to the Scholarship fund.
- Bro Dominick Giorgianni challenged all brothers to donate to the scholarship fund.
- A discussion was had regarding the 50 years members and the remitting of their dues. A motion was made by bro Robert Webster and 2nd by bro Robert Mull to remit the dues of 50 year members for 2026. Motion carried
- A discussion was had regarding the dues for bros Paul McCallum and Salvator Mascia. A motion was made by bro Mark Bledsoe and 2nd by bro Robert Mull to remit dues for bros Paul McCallum and Salvator Mascia for 2026. Motion carried.
- A letter for intention to demit from bro William Herndon was read to the lodge. Motion by bro Robert Mull and 2nd By bro Joseph Kawalski to remit his dues to current to include 2026. Motion Carried.

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

Building Report: None

Fund Raising: None

Membership Outreach: Bro Marl Bledsoe reported on the 1 Nov Coffee & Donuts. The then next event is scheduled for Dec 6 @ 9am. Reminder of the Children's Christmas Wish List, collection will be the week of Dec 8th, until Dec 10th.

The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation: None

Book Club: The next meeting will be 30 Nov @ 2pm and will be discussing "The Craft & It's Symbols".

Masonic Education: WM read the code covering elections.

The WM ordered an election by written ballot of officers for the ensuing year. Elected at this time were:

Bro Dominick P. Giorgianni	as Worshipful Master
Bro William T. Tripp	as Senior Warden
Bro Francis Anson	as Junior Warden
WB Kito B. Romans	as Treasurer
WB Arthur B. Romans	as Secretary
Bro Robert D. Mull	as Trustee

Bro Dominick P. Giorgianni, Worshipful Master Elect, will announce his officer appointments
At next stated communication:

Important Dates:

- 15 Nov Homecoming, St. John's Lodge
- 16 Nov SAR Commemorating Statia Day 2-3 pm @ Union Point Park
- 1 Dec National Sojourners Christmas Party at St. John's \$25pp open to all Masons
- 3 Dec 3rd Degree, St, Johns #3
- 5 Dec Dedication of William Davie House in Halifax
- 13 Dec Wreaths Across America
- 15 Dec SAR Commemorating U.S. Bill of Rights Day 2-3 pm @ Union Point Park
- Dec 21 York/Scottish Rite Christmas Observance
- 10 Jan Lecture Service @ Grantham Lodge, refreshments @ 730 am, Lecture @ 8 am

Good of Masonry: Bro Graig Zimmerman announced District 12 started new group called " Cornerstone East"

WM thanked bro Terry Trip & Stewards for the meal.

The meal was served in Lowthorp 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