

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 26 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. Joseph E. Fuller, PM as S.D.
Bro. Joseph S. Kawalski J.D.
Bro. Nicholas C. Coyle Steward
Bro. Christopher A. White Steward
Bro. Kito B. Romans 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.

WM introduced our guests.

Sick and Shut-ins: Keep WB James Warren, bro Earl Temple and Candi Williams,(wife of WB Tom Williams), in your thoughts and prayers.
The family of bro Steven Langenscheidt' wife's uncle's in your thoughts and prayers
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 everyone who attended the first St. John's Homecoming Honoring our Past Master and Ladies. It was a wonderful evening, thank you to all who helped put it on and made donations.
- Recognize WB Tom Williams and presented his Certificate of Appreciation.
- WM read thank you letters from NC Masonic & Eastern Star Home Foundation and Masonic Home for Children Oxford for our donations and needed assistance.
- WB Doug Soltow is celebrating his 81st birthday today.
- Bro Dominick Giorgianni congratulated WM for his Honors over the weekend.

WM directed the SD to conduct bro Aquiles Faustino before the east for examination on the Master Mason's catechism. The examination was given by WB Arthur Romans. The WM found bro Faustino's examination to be satisfactory, congratulated him and presented him with his proficiency card.

The minutes of the Stated Communication of 12 Nov was read for information.

Treasurers Report: WB Tom Williams gave the treasurers report: Gen Acct: \$24,880.72
Mngt Acct: \$4,510.10
Invest Acct: \$50,000.00

Bills Allowed: \$86.60 to bro Dominick Giorgianni for part of Homecoming dinner
\$17.76 to Scottish Rite for mailing of birthday letters
\$26.37 to bro Christopher White for food supplies
\$53.77 to bro Terry Tripp for tonight's meal
\$1,159.44 to bro Terry Tripp for part of Homecoming meal

Motion by bro Joseph Kawalski 2nd by bro Dominick Giorgianni to pay the bills, motion carried.

An Investigation Committee was assigned for Mr. James Scott Laurine.

Old Business:

- Reminder to Brethren, please pay your dues for 2025, we currently have 13 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.
 - o 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

New Business:

- Bro Dominick Giorgianni announced the 250th anniversary of our country and participating in “Liberty Tree” lead by SAR and participating with DAR holding a luncheon for George Washington’s birthday with possibly arriving on horseback. Also, spoke about having a float in the New Bern, 4th of July celebration parade.
- Bro Dominick Giorgianni announced that attending our installation will be MWB Steve Norris accompanied by RW Michael Register and MW Billy Dill, PGM.
- Bro Dominick P. Giorgianni, Worshipful Master Elect, announced his officer appointments for the ensuing year:

Bro Joseph S. Kawalski	as Senior Deacon
Bro Nicholas C. Coyle	as Junior Deacon
Bro Robert W. Webster	as Steward
Bro Christopher B. Fuller	as Steward
Bro Aquiles P Faustino	as Chaplain
WB Jason A. Maxey	as Tyler

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

Building Report: We will be hosting Foundation closed meeting on 9 Dec to discuss the raising of funds.

Fund Raising: None

Membership Outreach: WM announced the next Coffee & Donuts 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” by Allen E Roberts

Masonic Education: Bro Nick Coyle gave a lesson on the 47th problem of Euclid, it’s history and it’s application

- Important Dates:
- 30 Nov Book Club @ 2pm
 - 30 Nov 3rd degree practice @ 7pm
 - 1 Dec National Sojourners Christmas Party at St. John's \$25./person. Open to all Masons
 - 2 Dec 3rd degree practice @ 4pm
 - 3 Dec 3rd Degree, St, Johns #3. Meal @ 630. Degree @ 730.
 - 5 Dec Dedication of William Davie House in Halifax
 - 10 Dec Stated Communication. Meal @ 630. Meeting @ 730
 - 12 Dec Grotto open installation meal @ 630pm installation @ 730 pm
 - 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 @ 230pm
 - 24 Dec No Quorum, No Meeting
 - 7 Jan Installation of Officers. Meal @ 630. Installation @ 730
 - 10 Jan Lecture Service @ Grantham Lodge, refreshments @ 730 am, Lecture @ 8 am

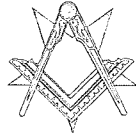
WM thanked bro Terry Tripp for the meal.

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



NORTH CAROLINA
MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME
FOUNDATION, LLC

November 6, 2025

St. Johns Masonic Lodge No. 3
PO Box 1249
New Bern, NC 28563

Dear Brethren,

When Brother Wayne needed help covering the cost of critical medical care, *you* were there.

When Brother Jesse's wife Gloria needed short-term help meeting her financial needs after his death, *you* were there.

Thank you so much for your gift of \$867.00 to the Masonic and Eastern Star Foundation LLC in benefit of the Fraternal Friendship Program. Your generosity supports seniors receiving care at WhiteStone in Greensboro -- and funds assistance given via our thriving Outreach program, which helps Masons and Stars statewide.

Since 1912, WhiteStone has offered a vibrant, healthy retirement and assisted living experience in Greensboro. That experience stretches across the state these days, helping fraternal individuals and couples age 60 and older, who want to stay in their homes, but need temporary assistance or help finding resources. *One call gets them the help they need. Your gift now gets them the support that is vital to their lives.*

We all need a hand sometimes. On behalf of the countless brothers and sisters we serve statewide, we give thanks for *your* helping hand and your kind heart. You are a valued member of our growing WhiteStone family -- from Greensboro to Murphy to Manteo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Hutchins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Hutchins, Chairman
Masonic and Eastern Star Foundation, LLC

P.S. - Please save this letter as it serves as your receipt for tax purposes and affirms that you will receive no goods or services as a result of your gift. For your records, our tax ID number is: 56-6049500.



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October 22, 2025

St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 3
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Dear Master and Brethren,

Thank you so very much for your kind consideration for our children. Your donation of \$867.00 has meaning far beyond any amount. Your gift helps many children have their own bedroom for the first time in their lives. Your gift helps provide food security that many children have never experienced. Your gift provides the support, guidance, and care the children need for healthy development, to grow mentally, physically, and emotionally, and overcome their own challenges. With your personal donation comes a lifetime of difference for the children at MHCO as shared by Mr. Thomas.

"As an alumnus of the Masonic Home for Children, I want to thank you for the love, care, and support you provide to MHCO. I arrived at the Home in 2006, from another residential care facility in South Carolina. The differences were night and day. For the first time I felt I belonged and had a family. During my time living here, I was able to complete high school, get an associate degree, return to work here as an employee, and have had experiences that would have otherwise escaped me. None of this would have been possible for me, or possible for current and future kids without your continued support. On behalf of all the residents before, during, and after my time here I want to say Thank You. MHCO is truly a great place to be a kid thanks to you and others like you who contribute to the success of our resident's future!"

Please tell others about your Home and the good work that goes on here so other children can benefit from your kindness. Your gift today and everyday helps prepare the children to take care of their own children. Your gift spans generations. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kevin Otis
Administrator

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