

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 10 December 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. 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.

SD introduced our guests.

Sick and Shut-ins: Keep WB James Warren and Candi Williams,(wife of WB Tom Williams), in your thoughts and prayers.
Bro Allen Curtis is home recovering from surgery to remove blood clots
WB Bill Stalnaker PM Bayboro Lodge who's wife passed away.
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 3rd Degree last Wednesday.
- WM Congratulated to our new Master Masons.

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

The minutes of the Stated Communication of 26 Nov and Emergent Communication of 3 Dec was read for information.

Treasurers Report: WB Tom Williams gave the treasurers report: Gen Acct: \$25,283.78
 Mngt Acct: \$4,510.10
 Invest Acct: \$50,000.00

Bills Allowed: \$45.37 to bro Chris White for drinks
 \$98.45 to bro Dominick Giorgianni for 3rd degree dinner

Motion by bro Joseph Kawalski 2nd by bro Nicholas Coyle to pay the bills, motion carried.

WM directed the SD to prepare the ballot box and the lodge balloted on the Petition for Degrees for Mr. James C. Laurine. Mr. Laurine was elected to receive degrees in Masonry .

- Old Business:
- WM announced that we are now down to 11 Brothers owing dues for 1 or more years. As this is the 1st Stated of Communication of December we will need a vote to exclude all brothers who are in arrears for 1 or more years. A motion was made by bro Dominick Giorgianni 2nd by bro Joe Winchester to exclude those members who are 2 years in arrears on their dues effective Dec 31 2025. Motion carried.
 - A motion was made by bro Mark Bledsoe 2nd by bro Robert Mull to exclude those members who are 1 year in arrears on their dues, unless sick or affirmed, effective Dec 31 2025. Motion carried.
 - A motion was made by bro Mark Bledsoe 2nd by bro Glen Carpenter to purchase 20 wreaths @ 2 for 1 in the amount of \$340.00 for Wreaths Across America next year. Motion carried

- New Business:
- WM awarded bro Mark Bledsoe with the Andrew Scott Award.
 - Dominick Giorgianni gave some installation announcements.
 - WM presented bro William Hall his Certificate of acceptance on being raised to the degree of MM.
 - A discussion was had on the tentative date of Jan 2026 for a 1st degree.
 - WM read a letter from bro Joe Oettel thanking us for the birthday letter he received.
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Coaching Report: Bro Roger Baysden is working on 3rd degree catechism

Building Report: Hosted New Bern Preservation Foundation and will be conducting another special tour for their group in January hoping for building restoration.

Fund Raising: None

Membership Outreach: Bro Robert Webster reported on Coffee & Donuts of Dec 6 @ 9am. Next event is scheduled for 3 Jan 2026. Also, we will be collecting the gifts for the MCHO today and taking to Oxford on Friday.

The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation: WB David Sawyer reported on the Whitestone projects.

Book Club: The next meeting will be 28 Dec @ 2pm and will be discussing "The Craft & It's Symbols" by Allen E Roberts

Masonic Education: None

- Important Dates:
- 12 Dec Grotto open installation meal @ 6pm installation @ 730 pm
 - 13 Dec Wreaths Across America. Setup @ 9am. Wreath placing @ 12 noon
 - 15 Dec SAR Commemorating U.S. Bill of Rights Day 2-3 pm @ Union Point Park
 - 21 Dec York/Scottish Rite Christmas Observance @ 230pm
 - 24 Dec No Quorum, No Meeting
 - 3 Jan Grantham Lodge 3rd Degree
 - 7 Jan Installation of Officers. Meal @ 630. Installation @ 730
 - 10 Jan Lecture Service @ Grantham Lodge, refreshments @ 730 am, Lecture @ 8 am
 - 21 Feb George Washington Birthday luncheon celebration

Good of Masonry: WM wished ALL a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.
WM & bro Dominick Giorgianni visited the Davies House last Friday
Bro Dominick Giorgianni presented WM Arthur Romans his PM Apron, Gavel & briefcase

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