

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 7 January 2026

At an Emergent Communication of St. John's Lodge No. 3, A.F. & A.M. New Bern, North Carolina

HELD ON THE ABOVE DATE PRESENT:

W. Bro Dominick P. Giorgianni     Master  
Bro. W. Terry Tripp                 S.W.  
Bro. Francis L. Anson                J.W.  
Bro. Kito B. Romans                 Treas.  
W. Bro. Arthur B. Romans, PM     Sec'y.  
Bro. Aquiles P. Faustino            Chaplain



Bro. Joseph S. Kawalski            S.D.  
Bro. Nicholas C. Coyle             J.D.  
Bro. Robert W. Webster            Steward  
Bro. C. Brian Fuller                Steward  
Bro. Jason A. Maxey                Tyler

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St. John's Lodge No. 3 was opened on the Third Degree of Masonry in Due Form at 7:30 p.m.

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After the Flag Ceremony, the Master recognized all Veterans, Certified Lectures, Past/Present First Responders, Past Masters, Certified Lectures, Coaches, Past/Present Grand Lodge and District Officers

The Master thanked brother Robert Webster for the outstanding meal.

Master recognized our Guest Bro. Kevin Hall (Hay Market Lodge No. 313, Haymarket VA)

Sick and Distressed Report:  
W. Bro Tom Williams

Prayer for our Sick and Distressed was provided by Chaplain.

Glad Tidings Report:

- Bro. Herb Riegelsperger sends his regards from TN. Reported that he had a large basal cell cancer removed about 7 weeks ago and has recovered well.
- Master made remarks on the turn out for the Installation of Officers and about feedback that has been received from other lodges throughout the jurisdiction.
- Announced the 254th Anniversary of the Chartering of St. John's Lodge No."2" by Joseph Montford.
- The Master thanked those who attended the Lecture Service on 10 January 2026.
- Secretary read letter from MCHO thanking the lodge for their Christmas donations.
- Mark Bledsoe checked into his first ship in the Navy 50 years ago.
- January 14<sup>th</sup> 1784 Signing of Treaty of Paris announced by Bro Bob Mull.

The Treasurer made his report:

- Lodge Checking: \$28829.30
- Lodge Management: \$4510.10
- NC Masonic Foundation Investment: \$50,000.00

The Secretary read the minutes of the Emergent Communication of 7 January 2026 for information.

The Secretary cleared his desk:

Collected: \$117.00 Meal Basket

The following bills were presented-

W. Terry Tripp – \$117.33 10 Dec 25 Stated Communication Meal  
Dominick G. - \$214.20 Frames and Installation Materials  
Dominick G.- \$211.14 Copy & Print Warehouse 2026 Membership Rosters.  
Wilkerson College - \$950.00 for Francis Anson 2026 Tuition  
Francis Anson - \$200.00 reimbursement to Francis Anson for Wilkerson College Deposit.  
Arthur Romans - \$35.79 Lecture Service (Donuts)  
Robert Webster- \$37.22 Meal for this evening.  
Francis Anson- \$69.03 Meal for this evening.  
2025 Annual Return to GLNC – \$6,244.00

Motion was made by Bro. Robert Webster, Seconded by Bro. Nicholas Coyle to pay our bills. (MOTION CARRIED)

Read Petition for Affiliation WB. Craig Zimmerman

Made Report on Exclusions for Non-Payment of Dues. 11 Brothers placed into an NPD Status as voted by the lodge at 10 Dec 25 Stated Communication.

**New Business:**

- Master Opened a Lodge of Sorrow for the Ensuing Year
- Master announced America 250 planned celebrations
  - Liberty Tree Dedication -Details to be determined.
  - April 15th Cornerstone Rededication (225th Anniversary of Cornerstone Laying)
  - 4th of July Parade for City of New Bern - Would like to make a float and march in the parade.
- Bro. Francis Anson Donated \$500 to Scholarship Fund.

**Committee Reports:**

- Coaching- Trey Baysden
- Building-
- Fundraising-
- Membership Outreach
- Historic Theatre Preservation Foundation: Meeting with NB Preservation Foundation to create a Scope of Work Plan.
- St. John's Book Club: 15 Feb 2026 @ 2PM.

**Education:** WB. Joe Fuller gave an educational program on "The Significance of the Northeast Corner"

**Important Dates and Announcements:**

- 5-8 February 2026 Grand Master / SGIG Washington DC Train Trip 5-8 February 2026
- 17 January 2026 - Wreaths Across America "Wreath Retirement" (Clean up) at 9AM New Bern National Cemetery
- 28 January 2026 - Stated Communication
- 21 February 2026- Annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon.
- 2 March 2026- National Sojourners Blue Lodge Night at NB York Rite Temple.
- 7 March 2026- York Rite Spring Festival
- 28 March 2026- Grotto Degrees.
- 20-21 March 2026 – Scottish Rite Reunion

There being no further business to come before this lodge, the minutes were read and approved, and this Lodge was closed in due form at 8:35PM

At the conclusion of the meeting the brethren departed and were invited to The Old Pinnix for Libations and Fellowship.



Arthur B. Romans, PM  
Secretary

Attendance Roster Attached



# St. John's Lodge #3

Date 1-14-26

| Name                 | Lodge      | No. | City/State    |
|----------------------|------------|-----|---------------|
| 1 David Sawyer       | St. John's | 3   | New Bern      |
| 2 James Wiley        | St. John's | 3   | NB            |
| 3 Doug Sottow        | St. John's | 3   | NB            |
| 4 Bob Martellet      | St. John's | 3   | New Bern NC   |
| 5 Probs Mull         | St John's  | 3   | NEW BERN      |
| 6 GLEN CARPENTER     | St. John's | 3   | NEW BERN      |
| 7 Mark BLEDSEE       | St John's  | 3   | NEW BERN      |
| 8 David Blinn        | St Johns   | 3   | NB            |
| 9 CRAIG ZIMMERMAN    | ST JOHN    | 1   | Wilmington.   |
| 10 Joe Fuller PM CC  | St. John's | 3   | New BERN      |
| 11 Christopher White | ST John    | 3   | NB            |
| 12 Will Hill         | St Johns   | 3   | New Bern      |
| 13 Kern Hill PM      | Hay Market | 313 | Haymarket, VA |
| 14 FRED WHITTY PM    | ST. JOHN'S | 3   | NBNC          |
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