

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 28 January 2026

At a Stated 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  
W. Bro. Joseph Fuller (as)        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 the Junior Warden and Stewards for the excellent meal.

Master recognized our Guests:

- W. Bro Craig Zimmerman (St. John's Lodge No. 1, Wilmington NC)
- W. Bro Jamie Velazquez Master (Cherry Point Lodge No. 688, Havelock NC)
- W. Bro Jerry Dutton PM (Cherry Point Lodge No. 688, Havelock NC)
- W. Bro Tim Patterson PM (Cherry Point Lodge No. 688, Havelock NC)
- Bro. Richard Cabatit (Cherry Point Lodge No. 688, Havelock NC)
- Bro. Michael Oliver (Cherry Point Lodge No. 688, Havelock NC)

Report of Sick and Distressed:

- Report Death of Brother David Kellum died on (10 Jan 2026)
- W. Bro Tom Williams' wife Candy
- MW Bryant Webster PGM Mother died 1/27
- Bro. Tim Bennett
- W. Bro Bob Martlet
- Bro. D.W. Hamill of Grantham Lodge keep wife in prayers

Prayer was given by the Chaplain

Glad Tidings Report:

- The Master thanked Bro. Mark Bledsoe for helping clean out Bro. Wiley's storage unit.
- Bro. Mark Bledsoe reported he has a new Dr. in his family.
- Master gave special thanks to W. Bro Joe Fuller for sitting in for our Senior Warden this evening.
- Thanks to Bro. Bob Mull and his wife Sally for their donation to the SJ3 Scholarship Fund.
- Bro. Francis Anson made Presidents List at his college this semester.

The Treasurer made his report:

- Lodge Checking: \$31,488.72
- Lodge Management: \$4510.10
- NC Masonic Foundation Investment: \$52,365.50

The Secretary read the minutes of the Stated Communication of 14 January 2026 for information.

The Secretary Cleared His Desk –

Collected: \$171.00 Meal Basket

The following bills were presented-

- Robert Webster:** Meal and Drinks Reimbursement: \$114.82
- C. Brian Fuller:** Meal Reimbursement: \$52.35

Motion was made by Bro Bob Mull, Seconded by Bro. Nick Coyle to pay our bills. / Motion Carried.

Secretary reported that the Petition for Affiliation of WB. Craig Zimmerman has been submitted to GL for their certification.

Secretary reported that currently 43 Members have an outstanding dues balance for 2026.

Secretary made a report on Insurance for the Lodge and Building at a total cost of \$10200 (Breakdown: \$6612 Wind/Hail, \$3205 Liability/ Directors and Officers, \$ 383 Extra Liability Acts of Terrorism)

Motion made by Bro. Rob Webster to pay insurance, seconded by Bro. David Blonn / Motion Carried

Old Business:

Liberty Tree Update: Liberty Tree Planting in Town of River Bend on or about Arbor Day (March 20<sup>th</sup> 2026) in partnership with SAR/DAR.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Float Update: Working on designs and registering for the lodge to march in the parade.

April 15<sup>th</sup> Cornerstone Rededication Update: 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary trying to coordinated GLNC representation.

**New Business:**

- **Scholarship Funds to be moved to NC Masonic Foundation as soon as Audit is completed.**
- **Annual Returns – Submissions have been paused by the GLNC.**
- **Possibility of starting a Venmo Acct. for payment options.**
- **Bro. Bob Mull talked on the George Washington Luncheon.**

**MASONIC MINUTE**

**The Master stated he would start to do a new short historical education program each meeting with ties to the Revolution and Masonry. First Masonic Minute was titled: “Lodge to Liberty”**

**Committee Reports:**

- Coaching- Trey Baysden 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
- Building- W. Bro Romans met with New Bern Preservation Foundation and provided a tour of our facilities will begin talks to help with fundraising for restoration and preservation.
- Fundraising-
- Membership Outreach – Coffee and Donuts 7 Feb 26.
- Historic Theatre Preservation Foundation.
- St. John’s Book Club: 15 Feb 2026 @ 2PM.

**Education:** RW Bro. Michael A. Register provided an educational program on “The Power of Freemasonry”

**Important Dates and Announcements:**

- 31 January 2026 - Sudan Shrine Business Meeting
- 5-8 February 2026 - Grand Master / SGIG Washington DC Train Trip 5-8 February 2026
- 7 February 2026 – Coffee and Donuts with Masons (9AM-11AM)
- 7 February 2026 – Rainbow Lodge 3rd Degree with Courtesy Degree for Newport Lodge (8AM Meal / 9AM Degree)
- 11 February 2026 – Stated Communication (Special Guest)
- 12 February 2026 – Doric Lodge 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Meal 6PM / Degree 7PM)
- 15 February 2026 – SJ3 Book Club @ 2PM
- 16 February 2026 – Newport Lodge 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Meal 6PM / Degree 7PM)
- 21 February 2026 - Annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon.
- 2 March 2026- National Sojourners Blue Lodge Night at NB York Rite Temple.
- 7 March 2026- New Bern York Rite Spring Festival
- 20-21 March 2026 – Scottish Rite Reunion
- 28 March 2026 – Nubia Grotto (Degrees)

Good of Masonry-

-Sudan Shrine Business Meeting on 31 Jan 2026 at Lenoir County Shrine Club. Doors to be locked at 9AM.

-The Master of Cherry Point Lodge No. 688 W. Bro Velazquez and a delegation of brethren were presented the Traveling Gavel from the Master.

-RW Michael Register’s Brother is being initiated to Masonry on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at Ionic Lodge more information to follow.

**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 9:15PM.**

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 28 JAN 26

Name	Lodge	No.	City/State
<sup>1</sup> Doug So Tows, PM	St. John's	3	New Bern, NC,
<sup>2</sup> James Wiley PM	St. John's	3	New Bern NC
<sup>3</sup> Russell Rainey PM	Cherry Pt	688	Havelock NC
<sup>4</sup> CRAIG ZIMMERMAN	ST. JOHN'S	1	WILMINGTON
<sup>5</sup> Richard Cabatt	Cherry Point	688	Havelock, N.C.
<sup>6</sup> Jerry Dutten	Cherry Point	688	Havelock, NC
<sup>7</sup> JAMIE VELAZQUEZ	CHERRY POINT	688	HAVELOCK, NC
<sup>8</sup> MIKE OLIVER	CHERRY POINT	688	HAVELOCK, NC
<sup>9</sup> Timothy Peterson	Cherry Point	688	HAVELOCK, NC
<sup>10</sup> Nicolay Blusloe	St. Johns	3	New Bern NC
<sup>11</sup> ROBERT MULL	St Johns	3	NB
<sup>12</sup> Bill Lerby	St Johns	3	NR
<sup>13</sup> Michael Register	Blackmer	127	mt. Gilred
<sup>14</sup> MARK BLEDOSSE	St. John's	3	New Bern
<sup>15</sup> MATT NOLAN	ST John's	3	New Bern
<sup>16</sup> Trey Baysden	St Johns	3	New Bern
<sup>17</sup> David Blann	St Johns	3	NB
<sup>18</sup> Joe Owens	ST John's	3	NR
<sup>19</sup> Chris White	ST John	3	NB
<sup>20</sup> Steven Langenscheidt	ST John's	3	N.B.
<sup>21</sup> FRED WHITTY, PM	ST JOHN'S	3	NBNC