

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 25 February 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
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. Robert Mull "as" Chaplain



Bro. Joseph S. Kawalski S.D.
Bro. Nicholas C. Coyle J.D.
Bro. Robert W. Webster Steward
Bro. C. Brian Fuller Steward
Bro. Mark E. Bledsoe "as" Tyler

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

After the Flag Ceremony,

There was an alarm at the door of the Lodge, and it was announced that the District Deputy Grand Lecturer of the 7th Masonic District WB Wayne Lynton and the District Deputy Grand Master of the 7th Masonic District WB Bill Sanford wished to enter. WB Joesph Fuller was appointed as Marshal and WB Lynton was received with Private Grand Honors. WB Lynton retired and conducted WB Sanford into the Lodge where he was received with Private Grand Honors. The Master welcomed both and presented WB Sanford with the gavel. WB Sanford made remarks and allowed to Master to proceed with business.

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 Stewards for the delightful meal. (White Chili and Cornbread)

Master recognized our guests:

WB. Kevin Hall, Haymarket Lodge No. 131
MW William L. Dill (PGM), Ionic Lodge No. 583
WB Charles Weatherington, Ionic Lodge No. 583
WB Riley Hughes Mt Vernon Lodge No. 359

Sick and Distressed Report:

WB Tom Williams' wife Candy
WB James Wiley is under the weather
WB James Warren having hip surgery soon
Bro. DW Hamill of Grantham and Zion Lodge, wife was diagnosed with Lymphoma
Bro. Styron from Mt Vernon Lodge, broke hip and had to have pacemaker placed.
WB Wayne and Susan Lynton in our prayers as she deals with health condition.

Prayer was given by Chaplain

Glad Tidings Report:

Thank you to the 7 Brothers who attended the Doric EA degree on Feb. 12th. They very much appreciated our attendance.
Thank you to those brothers who attended the Newport EA degree on Feb. 16th. Trevor was in the East.
Thank you to the 8 Brothers who attended the Ionic EA degree on Feb. 19th in support of RW Mike Register and his brother Sam Register on being initiated into the Degrees of Masonry.
We had a successful tour of the Colonial Williamsburg Tour Group. They were very impressed with the Lodge and asked a lot of questions.
The George Washington Luncheon was well attended, and it was a wonderful event.
Happy 60th Birthday to Brother Rob Webster (Feb. 20).
Happy Birthday to Brother Chris White (Feb. 24).
Bro Joseph Kawalski's Daughter is about to graduate High School.
Bro Francis Anson 16yr old daughter received her Driver License.

Masonic Minute Given by Master: "Brotherhood of Change"

Examination of Roger Baysden was conducted by the Master, and the Master found the examination satisfactory. Brother Baysden was presented his Proficiency Card and Master Mason Patent from the Master.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Stated Communication of 28 January 2026 for information.

The Treasurer made his report:

- Lodge Checking: \$ 28792.65
- Lodge Management: \$ 510.10

- NC Masonic Foundation Investment: \$52307.09

The Secretary Cleared His Desk –

Collected: \$ 112.00 from Meal Basket

The following bills were presented-

- SGA Print & Design Center (Oxford) - \$244.17
- Meal – C. Brian Fuller \$125.08

Motion was made by Bro. Nick Coyle, Seconded by Bro. Joseph Kawalski
Motion Carried.

Report on unpaid dues was given, there is currently 35 Brothers who owe dues for 2026, delinquency notices will be mailed out next month.

The Secretary read a Petition for Degrees for a Mr. Edward Brinson; Master will appoint an investigative committee.
The Secretary read a Petition for Affiliation for WB Kevin Hall

Old Business:

- Liberty Tree Update: Liberty Tree Planting in Town of River Bend on or about Arbor Day (March 26th, 2026) in partnership with SAR/DAR. Time TBA
- 4th of July Float Update: In planning and design phase. River Bend and New Bern Parades
- Cornerstone Rededication on 225th Anniversary (Actual date is 15 April, but we are trying to coordinate GLNC for representation (Date of Rededication is Tentative April 18th).
- All required reports to GLNC have been submitted and accepted to include (Annual Return / Insurance Report / Audit and Budget)
- Reminder that our Junior Warden and Sr Deacon will begin Wilkerson College this weekend.

New Business:

- A presentation of \$9000 was made to the lodge from WB Doug Soltow, WB Joe Fuller, WB James Wiley, WB Bob Martlet, WB Fred Whitty, Bro Mark Bledsoe, Bro Rob Webster and Bro Terry Tripp.

Committee Reports:

- Coaching- NONE
- Building/ NBMTHPF Report given by WB. Arthur Romas
- Fundraising- Soliciting Ideas for Fundraisers
- Membership Outreach – Coffee and Donuts, March 7th
- St. John's Book Club: 15 Feb 2026 @ 2PM. The Craft and it's Symbols

Education: Bro Bob Mull presented and education program on “The Role and Meaning of the Flag in Funeral Ceremonies”

Important Dates and Announcements

- 2 March 2026- National Sojourners Blue Lodge Night at NB York Rite Temple.
- 7 March 2026- New Bern York Rite Spring Festival
- 11 March 2026 – Stated Communication
- 14 March 2026- Doric Lodge 3rd Degree 8AM Breakfast / 9AM Degree
- 20-21 March 2026 – Scottish Rite Reunion
- 25 March 2026 – Stated Communication
- 28 March 2026 – Nubia Grotto (Degrees)
- 8 Aug 2026- Lecture / Instructor Examinations (Greenville/ Wilmington)

THE DDGM AND DDGL Made Comments.

The Master turned the Gavel over to the District Deputy Grand Master to make his remarks.

WB Bill Sanford asked if any brethren were able to attend an out of state brother's Masonic Funeral Service from Stephan S. Melin Funeral 28th March @ 1100, Highland Park Christian Church, Trent Woods.

WB Bill Sanford reported that Secretary, Treasurer, and Tylers Books were reviewed and found satisfactory.

WB Sanford brought greetings from the Grand Master and presented his guidance for the ensuing year. “Masonry is not broken”

WB Wayne Lynton Grand Lecture made remarks speaking on why he hasn't been available as much these recent months. His wife's health conditions have deteriorated and require his time and attention, (please lift her up in your thoughts and prayers).

WB Lynton made a short presentation on the interconnectivity of the three degrees of masonry in the blue lodge.

WB Sanford review rules and regulations on special activities.

Good of Masonry-

WB Riley Hughes made remarks about visiting the lodge.

WB Joe Fuller made remarks thanking the Master and Secretary for the coordination between Scottish Rite and made comments about Bill Vestal thanking the lodge for his birthday letter and trestle board.

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 930PM by W.B. Bill Sanford District Deputy Grand Master for the 7th Masonic District.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur B. Romans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Arthur B. Romans, PM
Secretary

Attendance Roster Attached



St. John's Lodge #3

Date 25 FEB 26

Name	Lodge	No.	City/State
¹ David Daniels ^{PM}	St. Johns	3	New Bern, NC
² Tim Pugh ^{PM}	St. John's	3	New Bern NC
³ Doug SoGow, ^{PM}	St. John's	3	New BERN NC
⁴ Bob Martellet	St. Johns	3	New Bern NC
⁵ Kevin Hall	Hay Market	313	Haymarket, VA
⁶ William L. Dill	Ionic	583	Cove City NC
⁷ Charles Wathington	Ionic	583	Cove City, NC
⁸ CRAIG ZIMMERMAN	ST JOHNS	3	New Bern, NC
⁹ Roger Baysder	St. Johns	3	New Bern NC
¹⁰ Roy FAROW ^{PM}	ST. JOHNS	3	New Bern NC
¹¹ Steven Langenscheidt	ST. John's	3	New Bern
¹² Fred Whitty ^{PM}	ST. JOHN'S	3	NBNC
¹³ Joe Fuller ^{PM} ^{CL}	St John's	3	New BERN
¹⁴ RILEY Hughes ^{PM} BERN 24	CURRENT SECRETARY MT. VERNON	359	ORIENTAL, NC
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