

Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening 11 March 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. Joseph E. Fuller "as" 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 Maxey 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,

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. (Corned Beef and Cabbage)

Master recognized our guests: NONE

Sick and Distressed Report:

WB Tom Williams' wife Candy
WB Fred Whitty is not feeling well.
WB Wayne Lynton's wife Susan was recently placed on Home Hospice
Bro Amos Mantlya diagnosed with ALS
Bro Francis Anson is under the weather.

Prayer was given by Chaplain

Glad Tidings Report:

Congratulations to W. Bro Craig Zimmerman in joining the York Rite.
Thank you to the 10 Brothers who attended the Masonic Rites for Bro. Les Owens.
Bro Joseph Kawalski and Bro Francis Anson visited with Bro Joe Ottell at Whitestone.
Bro Mark Bledsoe reported his son was named District Sales Manager of the Quarter for BSH in California.
Bro DW Hamill's wife Samantha is undergoing treatment for Cancer but is responded well.

Masonic Minute Given by Master: Masonry in Motion: Fundraising and Fellowship Fueling the Revolution

The Secretary read the minutes of the Stated Communication of 25 February 2026 for information.

The Treasurer made his report:

- Lodge Checking: \$ 34,342.86
- Lodge Management: \$ 510.10
- NC Masonic Foundation Investment:

The Secretary Cleared His Desk –

Collected: \$164.00 from Meal Basket

The following bills were presented-

-Mark Bledsoe (Liberty Tree Marker) – \$107.46
-Rob Webster (Drinks Reimbursement) - \$92.97
-C. Brian Fuller (Meal 3/11) – \$21.00
-The Old Pinnix (Meal Ingredients Reimbursement) \$179.61

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

Old Business:

- Dues Update 29 Brother Owe Dues for 2026 / Delinquency notices have been mailed out.
- Remit dues for Joe Ottell (50 Year Member) Motion by Arthur Romans, 2nd Robert Webster. Motion Carried.
- Petition for Degrees Edward Brinson (investigation committee appointed) will vote at next stated.
- Liberty Tree Update: Liberty Tree Planting in Town of River Bend on or about Arbor Day (Thursday, March 26th, 2026) in partnership with SAR/DAR. Time: 1200 at 51 Shoreline Drive.
- 4th of July Float Update: In planning and design phase. River Bend and New Bern Parades need help building walls and printing banners.
- 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 25^h @ 1100. GL will be in attendance.

New Business:

- Lowthorp Hall Update: Received 1st Quote from Honest Renovations Contractor / awaiting another quote for services.
- Lodge Workday Friday March 13th Install Mesh system. Clean up building. "Middle Chamber Room" Moving. Installing Mailbox, Starting around 9am.
- Grotto Degrees Ceremony originally scheduled for 28 March 2026 has been canceled.

Committee Reports:

- Coaching- NONE
- Building/ NBMTHPF Report given by WB. Arthur Romas
- Fundraising- Soliciting Ideas for Fundraisers
- Membership Outreach – Coffee and Donuts, March 7th was lightly attended due to numerous Masonic events. Looking forward to next Coffee and Donuts on 4 April 2026.
- St. John's Book Club: On hold until summer.

Education: W. Bro. Arthur Romans "John Dewey –Ties to St. John's and Beyond"

Important Dates and Announcements:

- 14 March 2026- Doric Lodge 3rd Degree 8AM Breakfast / 9AM Degree
- 20-21 March 2026 – Scottish Rite Reunion
- 25 March 2026 – Stated Communication
- April 11th, 2026 – Royal White Hart No. 2 Stated Communication / 250th Halifax Resolves Anniversary
- 8 Aug 2026- Lecture / Instructor Examinations (Greenville/ Wilmington)

Good of Masonry:

W. Bro Craig Zimmerman spoke on how we should be prepared to answer questions about Masonry if asked by the public.

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 2045 PM by the Master.

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



Arthur B. Romans, PM
Secretary

Attendance Roster Attached



St. John's Lodge #3

Date 3/11/26

Name	Lodge	No.	City/State
¹ Doug So Low, PM	ST. JOHN'S	3	New Bern, N.C.
² James Wiley PM	St. John's	3	New Bern
³ Bob Martellet	St John's	3	New Bern NC
⁴ ROBERT MULL	ST JOHNS	3	NB NC
⁵ GLEN M CARPENTER ^{PM}	St John's	3	NEW BERN, NC
⁶ CRAIG ZIMMERMAN	ST JOHN'S	3	NEW BERN, NC
⁷ Paul Zeeby	ST JOHN'S	3	New Bern NC
⁸ Bill Zeeby	ST JOHN'S	3	NB
⁹ Chris White	ST John	3	NB
¹⁰ Steven Langerschoitt	ST John	3	NB
¹¹ Roy FARROW, P.M.	ST. JOHN'S	3	N.B
¹² Kevin Yates	ST John's	3	NB.
¹³ MARK BLEDSOE	ST JOHN'S	3	NB
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