

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.
W. Bro. Craig R. Zimmerman, PM "AS" Treas.
W. Bro. William C. Zerby, PM "AS" Sec'y.
Bro. Aquiles P. Faustino Chaplain



Bro. Joseph S. Kawalski S.D.
W. Bro. Joseph E. Fuller "AS" J.D.
Bro. Robert W. Webster Steward
Bro. C. Brian Fuller Tyler
W. Bro. Jason A. Maxey

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, Past/Present First Responders, Past Masters, Certified Lectures, Coaches, Past/Present Grand Lodge and District Officers.

The Master thanked Bro. Rob Webster and Bro. Brian Fuller our Stewards for the delightful meal.

-There was (12) St. John's No. 3 Members in Attendance,
The Senior Deacon introduced our (1) Guest that was in attendance.

Sick and Distressed Report:

- The Master read the Obituary for W. Bro. James O. Warren Past Master (2013), who passed to the Celestial Lodge Above on 26 June 2026. W. Bro. Warren was Initiated 10/15/2003, Passed 2/18/2004, and Raised 3/31/2004.
 - The Master thanked all who attended the Services for W. Bro Warren.
- WBro James Wiley's wife Joy is going to be undergoing cancer treatment.
- Please keep Bro Johnny Ray McAlexander in your thoughts and prayers.
- Keep W. Bro. Rubert Fuller in your thoughts in prayers as he is recovering from bypass surgery.

A prayer was given by the Chaplain

Glad Tidings Report:

- The Master thanked all the brethren who helped build, decorate, and dismantle the Float that the lodge utilized for the 4th of July Parade.
 - The Master thanked the Zerby's (Bill and Billy) for their assistance in constructing the float and allowing us to utilize their garage.
- The Master thanked all the brethren who participated in the New Bern America 250, 4th of July Parade, it was a great day and we have had great feedback from the event.
- Thanks to the brethren who attended the Entered Apprentice Degree at Doric Lodge No. 568, we have a great showing of support from our brethren.
- Bro. Mark Bledsoe announced that his grand nephew Hayden Junger was traded to the Las Vegas Athletics formerly the Oakland "A's".

Examinations: NONE

The Secretary read the minutes of the Emergent Communication of 1 July 2026.

The Treasurer made his report:

- Lodge Checking: \$25,462.11
- Scholarship: \$7500.00
- Foundation: \$
- Lodge Management: \$ 510.10

The Secretary Cleared His Desk –

- The Secretary read a card from the RIPOSO Home
- Reminder we currently have 7 Brothers remaining that owe dues for 2026.

Collected: (\$123.00) from Meal Basket

The following bills were presented

- Bro. Rob Webster - 7/1/26 EA MEAL : \$96.76
- WBro. Bill Zerby - LUMBER FOR PARADE FLOAT: \$181.26
- Bro. Robert Webster - Drink Replenishment and 7/8/26 Stated Meal - \$151.28
- W. Bro. Dominick Giorgianni - Material and Decoration for Float - \$61.37

A motion was made by Bro. Joseph Kawalski, Seconded by Bro. Mark Bledsoe to pay the bills.(*Motion Carried*).

Old Business:

- It was announced the Table Lodge is still in planning with more details to be announced.
- The Master gave an update on Adopt A Street Application (City of New Bern Hancock St.)
- Flag Poles out front will be taken down next week.
- Homecoming Event Planning has begun, and will be announcing a date at a future meeting.
- Bro. Bob Mull announced the Aurora America 250 Celebration and Parade, with the Parade beginning at 10AM on Saturday, 25 July 2026. St. John's No. 3 will be marching in the parade all brethren are invited to attend and walk in the parade.

New Business:

- Bro. Francis Anson announced that the Meal for our August 17th Stated Communication will be a Rib Cookoff (Please sign-up /register with our Jr. Warden or Stewards if you'd like to participate.)

Education: Bro Mark Bledsoe spoke on the Lodge System of Masonic Education (2025 Update) and how we have incorporated it into coaching with our new Entered Apprentices.

The Master covered the Amendments to the Code groups 4-6.

Committee Reports:

- **Scholarship Committee:**
- **Coaching: Report on EA (Ed Brinson / Cody Laurine / Nathan Davis / Brian Sprecher / Kevin Croy / Thorsten Schlette)**
- **Building: The Master reported on Lowthorp Hall progress.**
- **Fundraising: Report by Bro. Mark Bledsoe / Grill Raffle**
 - **Start Date: July 1st / End Date: Oct 28th**
 - **5 Prizes Trager / Blackstone / Weber Grill / 2 Gift Cards.**
- **Membership Outreach: Next Coffee and Donuts 1 August 2026.**
- **The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation: Master announced that the Foundation has received a \$50,000 Grant from the State of North Carolina. A special thanks to Bro. Allen Curtis for advocating for the Lodge and Preservation Foundation and once again securing much needed funds to help with preservation of the building.**
- **Lion and Pillar: Master reported that the Secretary has submitted our 2026 Lion and Pillar Application.**

Important Dates and Announcements:

- 9 July 2026 - Crown Point Lodge will be having their first stated communication as three lodges have merged together. (Unity Ceremony)
- 11 July 2026 - York Rite Movie Night
- 12-14 July 2026 - York Rite Summer Assembly (Maggie Valley)
- 15 July 2026 - SJ3 Officer Practice @ 6:30PM.
- 22 July 2026 - Stated Communication
- 25 July 2026 - America 250 Parade and Celebration in Aurora NC (Parade Begins at 10AM)
- 25 July 2026 - Berne Lodge EA Degree @ 8AM

Good of Masonry:

The Lodge was closed in Due Form at PM

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

William C. Zerby (PM)

As Secretary

Attached:

-Attendance Roster-

ST. JOHN'S NO. 3 A.F. & A.M.

Attendance Roster

Date: Jul 8 2026

	NAME	LODGE	NO.	CITY	STATE
1	Bob Mull	St John's	3	New Bern	NC
2	Doug So Hawk, PM	St. John's	3	" "	" "
3	James Wiley	St. John's	3	New Bern	NC
4	Ellen C. G. L.	St John's	3	" "	" "
5	Bill Martel	St. John's	3	New Bern	NC
6	David Daniels, PM	St. John's	3	New Bern	NC
7	Kevin Hall	St. John's	3	New Bern	NC
8	Fred G. Souther Jr	Fairfax	43	Bulpeper	VA
9	Mark Bussoc	St John's	3	New Bern	NC
10	DeLewins	St John's	3	New Bern	NC
11	Tray Baysden	St. John's	3.	New Bern	NC
12	Steven Langenscheidt	St John's	3	New Bern	NC
13	Roy Feron, PM	St. John's	3	New Bern	NC
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