

Masonic Temple, Wednesday Evening, 22 July 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
Bro. W. Terry Tripp
Bro. Francis L. Anson
Bro. Kito B. Romans
W. Bro. Arthur B. Romans PM
Bro. Aquiles P. Faustino

Master
S.W.
J.W.
Treas.
Sec'y.
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,

The Master recognized all Veterans, Past/Present First Responders, Past Masters, Certified Lectures, Coaches, Past/Present Grand Lodge and District Officers and thanked them for their service to our community and the craft.

The Master Dispensed with Labor in this Master Mason's Lodge and ordered that the Junior Deacon present Bro. Ed Brinson for examination on the 1st Degree Catechism. Bro. Brinson was examined by W. Bro Arthur Romans and the Master found that Bro. Brinson's examination was satisfactory. The Master ordered all who were not Master Masons to retire and the Master resumed labor in this Master Mason's Lodge.

The Master thanked Bro. Rob Webster and Bro. Brian Fuller our Stewards for the delightful meal which was Wings 3-ways, BBQ Lollipops, Shotgun Shells, Coleslaw, Pasta Salad, Corn-on-the-Cob, and dessert.

-There were (20) St. John's No. 3 Members in Attendance. (1) Prospect and (5) EA's who attended the meal prior to the meeting.

The Senior Deacon introduced our (5) guests that were in attendance from Crown Point No. 708 and (1) guest in attendance from Grantham Lodge.

Grantham Lodge No. 725

- Bro D.W. Hamill

Crown Point Lodge No. 708

- W. Bro Justin Robinson (Grand Sword Bearer)

- Bro. Jake Rose

- Bro Jeff Houte

- Bro. Chris Houte

- W. Bro John Burns (Junior Grand Steward)

Sick and Distressed Report:

- W. Bro James Wiley is recovering from Knee Surgery, He is recovering and is currently beginning Physical Therapy. Please keep him and Mrs. Joy in our thoughts and prayers.
- Bro D.W. Hamill's wife Samantha has finished her last cancer treatment and is awaiting results.

A prayer was given by the Chaplain

Glad Tidings Report:

- W. Bro Joe Fuller reported that W. Bro Wiley's wife is recovering from treatment on her eyes. Her vision has gotten better since her initial treatment.
- Bro. Francis reported that he and his daughter took a vacation to Jamaica and she received her open dive certification.
- Bro. Mark Bledsoe reported that his Great Nephew moved to the 26 Man Roster of the Las Vegas "A's" and pitched his first game, it was also his youngest son's 28th birthday.
- Bro. Joe Kawalski reported it was his step daughter's birthday yesterday.
- Bro. Tim Ludwig was reelected to Shrine Hospitals International as a Trustee and he was appointed over the Hospitals in Boston and Montreal Canada.
- The Master reported on his experience at Maggie Valley for the York Rite Summer Assembly. He recommended to all the brethren present if they haven't seen the Masonic Marker, you should plan a trip to visit.
- The Master thanked Bro. Mark Bledsoe for attending the Crown Point Lodge Unity Ceremony with him. He stated that it was one of the best Masonic Ceremonies he has witnessed. Congratulations to the three Pitt County Lodges on their successful merger.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Stated Communication of 8 July 2026.

The Treasurer made his report:

- Lodge Checking: \$26,587.11
- Scholarship: \$7465.51
- Foundation: \$55,840.95
- Lodge Management: \$ 510.10

The Secretary Cleared His Desk –

- Reminder we currently have 6 Brothers remaining that owe dues for 2026.

Collected: (\$201.00) from the Meal Basket

The following bills were presented

- Bro. Rob Webster - \$43.57 Stated Communication Meal 7/22
- SGA Print & Design Center -\$229.96 (July/August Trestle Board Mailing)
- W. Bro Dominick G. - \$21.60 (July Birthday Mailing Postage)

A motion was made by Bro. Nicholas Coyle, Seconded by Bro. Bob Mull, to pay the bills. *(Motion Carried)*.

Old Business:

- Table Lodge (Still in planning phase) *Possible Date: 26 December 2026.*
- Adopt a Street Program - Master still in discussion with city and other organizations about allowing the lodge to adopt Hancock St.
- Homecoming - *Possible Date: 28 November 2026*
- Town of Aurora - America 250 Celebration, Saturday 25 July 2026, parade begins at 10AM. Line Up at 9AM.

New Business:

- WB Joe Fuller made a presentation to the Lodge of new Sherer Masonic Degree Lecture Charts, and also thanked WB John T. Pugh Jr. for his assistance in mounting the charts.
- The Master presented W.Bro Kevin Hall with his endowed membership certificate.
- Bro Allen Curtis, brought before discussion to the lodge about preservation of our Lodge's Charters.
- The Secretary, read a letter from the Grand Lodge informing the Lodge that the bylaws have been approved

Education: Bro. Kito Romans did a presentation on "The Meaning of the Second-Degree Pass"

Committee Reports:

- **Scholarship Committee:** Bro. Francis has reported they received QR code from the found
- **Coaching:** Report on EA (Ed Brinson / Cody Laurine / Nathan Davis / Brian Sprecher / Kevin Croy / Thorsten Schlette)
- **Building:** Progress on Lowthorp Hall, slow but moving forward.
- **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:** WB. Arthur Romans reported that a local church had lost their space to meet and were looking for a place to meet. The church offered to "donate" A/V equipment to Historic Preservation Foundation to utilize the ballroom on Sundays as a meeting space. The furniture and equipment offered is in great shape and would be estimated to cost around \$50,000+. Need assistance on Friday afternoon meeting at St. John's Lodge at 1PM, to bring furniture and equipment to the building. Any brothers who are willing and able to help with either an enclosed trailer or pick up trucks to move the items would be greatly appreciated.
- **Lion and Pillar:** Secretary has submitted our 2026 Lion and Pillar Application and it was received by the Lion and Pillar Committee.

Important Dates and Announcements:

- 23 July 2026 - Funeral Service for Bro. Alvis Collins of Doric Lodge. Services begin at 11AM at Cotten Funeral Home with Interment and Masonic Rites at the Greenleaf Cemetery Lakeside Chapel.
- 25 July 2026 - America 250 Parade and Celebration in Aurora NC (Parade Begins at 10AM)
- 25 July 2026 - Berne Lodge EA Degree @ 8AM
- 29 July 2026 - Officer Practice (2nd Degree)
- 1 August 2026 - Coffee and Donuts with Masons
- 12 August 2026 - Stated Communication (Rib Cookoff)
- 21-22 August 2026 - New Bern Resolves (Patriot Square Dedication on Friday / Parade and observance on Saturday.)
- 26 August 2026 - Stated Communication
- 28-29 August 2026 - Scottish Rite Joint SMJ / PHA Reunion.

Good of Masonry:

The Lodge was closed in Due Form at 9:10PM

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


Arthur B. Romans (PM)

Secretary

Attached:

-Attendance Roster-

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

Attendance Roster

Date: 22 July 2026

	NAME	LODGE	NO.	CITY	STATE
1	Robert Murr	St Johns	3	New Bern	NC
2	Allen Curran	"	"	"	"
3	Doug Soltau, PM	St. John's	3	New Bern	NC
4	Bl Martin	St Johns	3	Newbern	NC
5	Kevin Hill	St-Johns	3	New Bern	NC
6	BOB BROWDY	ST JOHNS	3	NRN BERN	NC
7	Chris Hoedt	Crown Point The Moss Lodge	708	Greenville NC	NC
8	John Buss	Crown Point	708	Greenville, N.C.	NC
9	Jeff Hoedt	Crown Point	708	Greenville, N.C.	N.C.
10	James "Jake" Rose III	Crown Point	708	Greenville, NC	NC
11	Justin Robinson	"	"	"	"
12	Joe Owens	St John	3	New Bern	NC
13	Joe Fuller PM				
14	Trey Baysden	St. John	3	New Bern	NC
15	DW Hamill	Grantham/Zion	705/81	New Bern Trustee	NC
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