

Masonic Temple, Wednesday Evening, 12 August 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
W. Bro. Jason A. 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, 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 thanked all the brethren who participated in the Rib Cook Off Competition and congratulated the winners. Who was Bro. Francis Anson and Bro. Mark Bledsoe who came in 2nd place.

-There were (24) 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 (3) guests that were in attendance.

Bro. Darren Murray from Yorktown 205 of Yorktown VA.
WBro Bill Sanford DDGM of the 7th Masonic District (Cherry Point 688)
RW Bro Russ Bauer from Medford Lodge NJ.

Sick and Distressed Report:

- Bro. Ron Packard of Berne Lodge passed away on 31 July 2026.

A prayer was given by the Chaplain.

Glad Tidings Report:

- Congratulations to EA Bro. Nathan Davis on the birth of his daughter Iris on July 22nd. Both Iris and mom are doing well.
- Congratulations to all the newly endowed members.
- Thank you to all the brothers who attend the funeral and Masonic Rites for Brother Alvis Collins.
- Thanks to the brothers who braved the rain and marched in the Aurora America 250 Parade.
- Thanks to the brothers who attended Berne Lodge's First Degree.
- Thanks to the brothers who attended Doric Lodge's Family Day.
- Thank you to the brothers who attended Coffee and Donuts with Masons on August 1st.
- We can be proud of our lodge for being so incredibly active in our district and beyond. St. John's No. 3 shows up!

The Secretary read the minutes of the Stated Communication of 22 July 2026.

The Treasurer made his report:

- Lodge Checking: \$26735.31
- Scholarship: \$7606.63
- Foundation: Report Provided at 2nd Stated
- Lodge Management: \$ 510.10

The Secretary Cleared His Desk –

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

Collected: (\$197) from the Meal Basket

The following bills were presented

- Bro. Rob Webster - \$189.18 Drinks and Kitchen Supplies
- Honest Renovations \$4339.00 Remainder of Bill for Lowthorp Hall

A motion was made by Bro. Joe Kawalski Seconded by W. Bro. Johnny Pugh to pay the bills. (*Motion Carried*).

Old Business:

- Table Lodge (Still Planning) Tentative date of December 19th or 26th. The event is planned to also mark completion of work in Lowthorp Hall.
- Adopt a Street Program - Have received no response from the Historical Society. Looking at options to pursue another street nearby, such as Pasteur, N. Cool, Howard, or George St.
- Homecoming - *Possible Date: 28 November 2026*

New Business:

- Proposed that the Lodge provide a meal to the OES on Monday, 17 August 2026, to thank them for participating and helping serve our meals recently. Bro Bob Mull made a motion to sponsor a meal for Eastern Star, seconded by W.Bro Joe Winchester. (Motion Carried)
- Donation to SAR for New Bern Resolves \$200, Motion made by Bro. Bob Mull, seconded by Bro. Nick Coyle. (Motion Carried)
- Stuff the Bus Participation - Bro. Francis provided details Saturday, 15 August 2026, from 10am-2pm asking for donations and assistance.
- W.Bro. Johnny Pugh brought before the lodge adding a pin to the Past Masters wall for those brothers who are deceased. A motion was made by W.Bro Joe Winchester made a motion and it was seconded by Bro. Nick Coyle. (Motion Carried)
- Bro. Joe Fuller made a motion to frame the old Sheerer Masonic Lecture Charts at his cost. Seconded by Bro Joe Kawalski. (Motion Carried).
- W.Bro Bill Sanford announced the upcoming MS Bike Ride in New Bern and informed the brethren there are volunteer opportunities.
- W.Bro Doug Soltow thanked a few of the Brethren from St. John's No.3 for assisting the Nubia Grotto at their Ice Cream Social event on 1 August 2026.
- W.Bro Doug Soltow made an announcement about the Schenevus Valley Lodge 592 annual trip. The trip will be from Sept 11-15.

Education: Bro. Rob Webster did an education on Most Worshipful Bro. Dr. Joseph Warren.

Committee Reports:

- **Scholarship Committee:** Bro. Francis has reported they received QR code from the Masonic Foundation and has had business cards made. They are available on the Secretary's Desk for any brother who would like to distribute them to anyone interested in contributing.
- **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 5 September 2026. / Fishing with a Cop River Bend Labor Day Weekend 9AM-12PM.
- **The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation:**
- **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:

- 13 August 2026 - 2nd Degree at Doric Lodge Degree begins at 6PM.
- 19 August 2026 - 2nd Degree Officer Practice at 6:30PM.
- 20 August 2026- Doric, Zion and Cherry Point Lodge, Joint Lodge Meeting at Cherry Point 6PM Meal / 7PM Lodge.
- 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.
- 5 September 2026 - Coffee and Donuts with Masons
- 11 September 2026 - Doric Lodge Blood Drive 2-6PM
- 11-15 September 2026- Schenevus Valley Lodge Trip
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Good of Masonry:

The Lodge was closed in Due Form at 8:50PM

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-

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

Attendance Roster

Date: 8/12/26

	NAME	LODGE	NO.	CITY	STATE
1	James Waley PM	St. John's	3	New Bern	NC
2	Doug Soltow, PM	St. John's	3	New Bern	NC
3	Bob Martelet	St. John's	3	New Bern	NC
4	CRAIG Zimmerman	St John's	3	New Bern	NC
5	Kenn Hill	St. John's	3	New Bern	NC
6	ROBERT MULL	St John's	3	NB	NC
7	Trey Baysden	St. John's	3	New Bern	NC
8	Bill Sanford DDGM	Cherry Point	688	Newark	NC
9	Bill Joiner PM	St John's	3	New Bern	NC
10	BOB BROODY	ST JOHN'S	3	NEW BERN	NC
11	Joe Winchester, PM				
12	Joe WINCHESTER	St John's Churchill	3/26	New Bern / Fairfax	
13	MARK BLEDSOE	St John's	3	NEW BERN	NC
14	John Pugh PM	St John's	3	N. B	NC
15	Joe Fultre PM	St. John's	3	New Bern	NC
16	Darren Murray	Yorktown	205	Yorktown	VA
17	FRED WHITTY PM	ST JOHN'S	3	NB	NC
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