

Masonic Temple, Wednesday Evening, 9 September 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. Robert W. Webster "AS" J.D.

W. Bro. Jason A. Maxey Tyler

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

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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 Bro. Allen Curtis and Bro. Rob Webster for the Meal, (Chicken Leg Quarters).

-There were (22) St. John's No. 3 Members in Attendance. (4) EA's who attended the meal prior to the meeting.

The Senior Deacon introduced RW Michael Register Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of NC, and our (3) guests that were in attendance.

- W. Bro Jeff Gibson (Royal White Hart No.2, of Halifax, NC)
- Bro. Nathan Henkeius (Coastal Lodge No. 57 of Stonington, CT)
- Bro Darren Murray (Yorktown Lodge No. 205 of Yorktown, VA)

**Sick and Distressed Report:**

- Bro. Brian Fuller is not feeling well this evening.
- W. Bro Roy Farron is recovering from 2 broken ribs.
- Bro. Nick Coyle is out sick this evening.

A prayer was given by the Chaplain.

**Glad Tidings Report:**

- Thanks to everyone who attended Coffee and Donuts with Masons on Saturday 5 September 2026, and a very special thanks to Bro. Bob Mull and Bro. Rob Webster for assisting with Coffee and Donuts.
- Thanks to Bro. Mark Bledsoe for our involvement with Riverbend's Fishing with a Cop Event
- Thanks to W. Bro Arthur Romans for coordinating and hosting a tour for the brethren from James B. Green Lodge No. 735 of Raleigh.
- Thanks to Brothers Francis Anson, Trey Baysden, Joe Owens for their work and contributions in getting the exhaust fan in the kitchen on the 2nd floor replaced.
- The Master presented W. Bro. Bob Martlet with his Endowed Certificate
- W. Bro Doug Soltow / W. Bro James Wiley and Bro. Aquiles Faustino participated in a Nubia/Elior Grotto Event at the Grave Diggers Monster Truck Facility in Poplar Grove NC the brothers provided toothbrushes to children with special needs.

No Examinations we conducted this evening.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Stated Communication of 26 August 2026.

The Treasurer made his report:

- Lodge Checking: \$33743.92
- Scholarship: \$7578.78
- Investment: Report Given at 2nd Stated
- Lodge Management: \$ 510.10

The Secretary Cleared His Desk –

Brick for Zion Lodge Flagpole \$100.00 Motion was made by Bro. Francis Anson, seconded by Bro. Rob Webster. (Motion Carried)

**Collected:** (\$227.00) from the Meal Basket

The following bills were presented

- W. Bro Dominick Giorgianni (\$44.24) Lowes Hardware Gold Paint
- Bro. Rob Webster (\$69.29) 9/9/26 Stated Communication Meal and Soda Replenishment.
- Riverside Hardware and Paint (\$78.23) Debit Card Purchase Paint
- Atlantic Engraving Stairwell Plaques (\$80.25)
- Bro. Allen Curtis (\$44.47) Chicken Stated Communication Meal 9/9/26
- Bro. Mark Bledsoe (191.25) Fishing with a Cop (Riverbend).

A motion was made by Bro. Bob Mull Seconded by Bro. Joseph Kawalski to pay the bills. *(Motion Carried)*.

#### **Old Business:**

- Table Lodge (Still Planning) Tentative date of December 19th. The event is planned to also mark completion of work in Lowthorp Hall.
- Homecoming - (Still Planning) 28 November 2026

#### **New Business:**

- Lux Libertas is requesting to host a Lodge meeting on February 6, 2027 at St. John's Lodge No.3. Anticipated that W.Bro David Sawyer will be Master. \$200 Stipend to the Lodge for use.
- Snacks for Vets (Bro Bob Mull) Asking for donations of prepackaged snacks to the Veterans Home in Kinston to be delivered on Oct 15th.
- A/C Purchase Bro. Steven Langenscheidt and Thorsten Schlette are looking into purchasing a new unit from BSH. estimated cost for unit \$2069.88. Motion made by Bro. Rob Webster and seconded by Bro. Steven Langenscheidt (Motion Carried)
- Bro. Francis Anson made a proposal on having a website developed for St. John's No. 3 / \$120 Annual Fee and \$20 Startup. The Master tabled the discussion until more information can be provided to the lodge.)
- Bro. Terry Tripp called 2nd Degree Practice for 15 Sept 2026 @ 6:30PM.

**Education:** Bro. Joseph Kawalski presented an education on Wilkerson College.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Scholarship Committee:** Business Cards with QR code from the Masonic Foundation 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 Painting Progressing, after paint we will pull up carpet for assessment of flooring.
- **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:** Report given about September Coffee and Donuts / Next Coffee and Donuts 3 October 2026.
- **The New Bern Masonic Theater, Historic Preservation Foundation:** Theatre new chairs and paint.
- **Lion and Pillar:** Congratulations to the brethren for their dedication and hard work as we received the Platinum Award, award.

#### **Important Dates and Announcements:**

- 11 September 2026 - Doric Lodge Blood Drive 2-6PM
- 14 September 2026 - Valley of New Bern Scottish Rite (Feast of Tishiri) Meal at 7:15-7:30PM dinner is open to all.
- 16 September 2026 - Emergent Communication (2nd Degree) @ SJ3
- 23 September 2026 - Stated Communication
- 24 - 26 September 2026 - GLNC @ Winston Salem
- 3 October 2026- York Rite Fall Festival
- 16-17 October 2026 - Scottish Rite Reunion @ St. John's No. 3
- 1 Oct 2026 - Wilkerson College Registration Opens
- 19 Sept 2026 - 3rd Degree at Royal White Hart No. 2 (10AM)
- 23 Sept 2026 - Berne Lodge 1st Degree.

#### **Good of Masonry:**

The Lodge was closed in Due Form at 9:05 PM

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-