

Valley of New Bern Bagpipe



Ceremony of Remembrance

Brethren, the Valley of New Bern will conduct its annual Ceremony of Remembrance, Monday April 14th at 6:30 PM. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Illustrious Brother William G. Mathis 33, past Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina. This event is conducted under the auspices of New Bern Chapter Rose Croix #5 and should be attended by all Scottish Rite Masons if possible. The dress code for attendees is casual. This event is open to the public and you are encouraged to bring your family and guests.

Quoting now from the Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite, “The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, including the Mystic Banquet, is not a religious observance. It is neither the Feast of the Passover nor a Sacrament of Holy Communion, although it commemorates the spirit of both days.”

Our Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal as its presented today is separated into four distinct parts. They are as follows; Remembrance of Recently Deceased Brethren, The Mystic Banquet, The

Allegiance ...

The several Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of New Bern, Orient of North Carolina, acknowledge and yield Allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree, the Mother Supreme Council of the World, whose see is at Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, of which Ronald A. Seale, 33°, is Grand Commander, 33°, William B. Brunk, 33°, is SGIG in North Carolina, and William L. Dill, 33°, is Chairman, Inspector General's Advisory Conference of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern, Orient of North Carolina.

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Tenebrae, or Extinguishing of the Lights, and Fiat Lux, or Relighting the Lights.

The Remembrance of Recently Deceased is for the Knights of Rose Croix to remember those that have passed to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. It is here that we each in our own way celebrate their lives and the contribution their life gave to this world.

The Mystic Banquet is not itself a religious ceremony, however to our Jewish Brothers, it signifies the Feast of the Passover, commemorating Jehovah's passing over the Israelites houses while passing through the houses of the Egyptians to destroy the firstborn of each household. To our Christian Brothers, it signifies the Last Supper Jesus had with his Disciples after which followed his crucifixion and resurrection.

In the Tenebrae, or Extinguishing of the Lights, we witness each light, one by one, fade into the darkness. As the darkness gathers in the world hope fades, and fear assumes its place. Fear of no Salvation and no rekindling of life, fear of Death.

Then Fiat Lux, one light appears, followed by another, then another. Light pushes back the darkness. Faith and Hope returns and life is again rekindled.

Again quoting now from the Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite , "Tenebrae asserts in candle, wax, and flame the simple truth that Faith, Hope and Charity will never die. Darkness must yield to light, Tyranny will fall to freedom. Order and truth will ever conquer chaos and error."

As Scottish Rite Masons, and Knights of the Rose Croix, we are obligated on this special day, to break bread with other Knights of the Rose Croix in memory of those that have come before. If not possible to do so in person, then to do so at least in spirit.

Editor

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