

Valley of New Bern Bagpipe



Happy Easter

The Valley of New Bern takes great pleasure in wishing all Scottish Rite Masons a happy and joyous Easter. As you know the Maundy Thursday night has special significance to all Knight of the Rose Croix. If you can't attend our Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, please take the time to reflect on the events that took place on this evening two centuries ago.

Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

The Valley will observe its annual Ceremony of Remembrance on April 10, 2017 at 6:30PM. Dinner will begin promptly at 6:30PM and we will open a brief session of the LOP at 7:30PM. Brethren this is one of our formal "Reflections". We ask that Knights wear coat & tie and Ladies dress appropriately.

Upcoming Events

LOP Meeting

April 10, 7:30PM

May 8, 7:30PM.

June 12, 7:30PM

Join us for dinner at 6:30PM

Ceremony of Renewal and Remembrance

April 10, 6:30PM

Celebrating the Craft

May 20, 6PM-12AM

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

Sorrow! Sorrow! Sorrow!

The Valley of New Bern regrets to inform you of the passing of Illustrious Brother Robert Ray Harrison. Brother Ray served in many leadership positions with our Valley. Brother Ray was coronated Inspector General 33 Degree, Honorary, on November 28, 1987. Most notably he served as Director of the Work for for the Valley for over ten years. Ray was a Deacon in Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Past Master of Zion Lodge #81, and Recorder of Sudan Temple to note some of his many accomplishments.

Chairman, Inspector General's
Advisory Conference of the
Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of
New Bern, Orient of North Carolina.

Celebrating the Craft

The annual Supreme Council fundraising telethon, "Celebration the Craft" will take place on May 20, beginning at 6PM. The Valley of New Bern will participate with refreshments and displaying the events on the projection TV at the York Rite Building on Glenburnie Road. Stop by and enjoy the activities starting at 6PM.

State Wide Reunion

Just a heads-up to let everyone adjust their calendar. The SGIG, Dr Brunk, is in the process of organizing a State-wide Reunion for the Fall. The tentative dates are October 20-21 in Greensboro. The final details are still in the planning process. More to come in our next newsletter.

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Summer Workshop

The Orient Summer Workshop is scheduled for July 28 & 29 in Winston Salem. Mark your calendars and let the Valley Secretary know if you are planning to attend.

Biennial Session

The Southern Jurisdiction Biennial Session is scheduled for 19-22 August. The event will take place at the Washington Hilton, Washington DC. The 33rd Degree will be conferred on the active candidates at the House of the Temple on Tuesday 22, August.

Honors Weekend

The Orient of North Carolina will conduct its Honors Ceremonies on November 17 & 18. The dates are confirmed but details will be published later.

Knights of Saint Andrew

New Bern KSA chapter held it's officer installation 02/01/2017 at the York Rite building. The following officers were installed. 1st Knight W. Charles Barrett IV, Senior Warden Glen Carpenter, Junior Warden Mike Cruise & Treasurer Mack Smith. The 1st Knight introduced his theme for the year which is "Get Involved". The 1st Knight is asking for all of the Knights to get active in our chapter. We need your

help. We have a lot of things planned for the year. Some of the noteworthy items are finishing up our by-law revisions, possible uniform changes, community involvement, hosting the Christmas party, reviewing our ritual work for possible revisions, putting together a 29th degree team and participating in the ring ceremonies. As you can see we have many things that need to be done and we need all of our Knights to come to the meetings and "Get Involved". We definitely supported the valley at the spring reunion and everyone had great things to say about the KSA role. At the reunion I was busy working behind the scenes and I am happy to report that the KSA has agreed to sponsor the 29th Degree. I already have commitments for 8 of the 9 parts. This degree is all about the Knights of Saint Andrew so I think the degree will have special meaning to the New Bern KSA members. Thanks goes out to Dennis Tyndall who has agreed to spearhead this commitment and all the members that have agreed to participate. We will begin practicing the degree at our regular meetings. I am calling on all knights to attend the next LOP meeting April 10th. Show up in full regalia at 5:30 to assist with any valley needs. Plan to stick around after the meetings as we have some KSA business to discuss.

Please contact me if you have any questions at 252-246-0096 or cbarrett@myglnc.com. I look forward to your support. PS. As a reminder, all Emeritus members are encouraged to "Get Involved" as well.

Fraternally,
1st Knight W. Charles Barrett IV

Furniture Silent Auction

Those who placed a bids for the furniture items located at the Hancock Street Facility are request to contact the Valley Secretary as soon as possible to make arrangements to pick up your items.

Ambassador Program

The Valley Membership Retention Team is in dire need of Ambassadors. The Scottish Rite Ambassador serves a liaison between the Scottish Rite and our Masonic Lodges and Scottish Rite Districts. The work is easy, rewarding, and helps both the Scottish Rite and our Masonic Lodges. If you have a couple of minutes a month that you can devote for Masonic purposes please contact our Ambassador Director , Brother Aaron Morris (252-772-5578) for details. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Rite Care Fundraiser

The date has been set for our annual Rite Care Chicken Dinner Fund Raiser. Please mark Friday, May 12, for participation in our annual fund raiser. We will be cooking chicken plates as usual, at a cost of \$8.00/plate. Plates will be sold from 11AM to 2PM. We will deliver in the New Bern area and a dine-in option will be available at the York Rite Temple.

Brethren, ten (10) tickets will be mailed out to each member at the beginning of March. This is our only

fund raiser for Rite Care. These funds go directly to support our Rite Care Clinic at East Carolina University. Rite Care treats speech and language disorders in the children of Eastern North Carolina. We are very lucky to have such an excellent facility in our geographical area. It has made a significant impact in the lives of Children in Eastern North Carolina. Selling or purchasing ten tickets is not too much to ask to support and maintain such a worthwhile program.

Each year the task of figuring out how many chickens to prepare becomes increasingly difficult. If you are just sending a donation please mark your letter as such and if you are picking up plates let us know that also. Preparing too many plates is wasteful and decreases the funds available to our children.

Editor

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