

Valley of New Bern Bagpipe

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December Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Christmas Open House

December 9, 2013
6:30PM

Election of Officers

January 13, 2014
Dinner 6:30PM 7:30PM Meeting

February LOP

February 10, 2014

John MacDonal Walston, KCCH

Reunion

March 22, 2014

Lighting the Lights Ceremony

April 14, 2014
Family Members and Guests are encouraged to attend.

Orient Leadership Workshop

August 1-2, 2014
Valley of New Bern

Fall Reunion

October 17-18, 2014

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

December is upon us. Are you ready ready for a visit from the Big Man himself? December is a month packed with so much religious and cultural significance to so many ethnic groups. Now more than ever is the time to demonstrate to the general

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

public our Masonic tenets of charity, relief, and brotherly love. Be patient in the long lines at the stores, fight road rage in traffic, and most of all be tolerant of other culture's holiday beliefs. The world is watching and **you are the example!** Show the world what it means to be a Mason.

Christmas Open House



The annual Christmas Open House for the Valley of New Bern will on December 9th, 2013 from 6:30PM to 7:30PM. As usual we will have soft drinks, goodies, and a special guest from the “North Pole” make an appearance. Please bring your favorite appetizer and share your excellent cooking skills with the rest of us. Brethren this has always been a fun opportunity for our children to see and talk to Santa in a non-commercial atmosphere. But more importantly, it is an excellent opportunity to show off our facilities and hospitality to prospective new members. The dress is casual and you can come directly from work for those in the downtown area. Don't just pass the word, email works perfectly fine for that purpose. Invite friends and bring them with you. “Come go with me and wish everyone a merry Christmas” will produce better results than, “Are you going?” Be proactive and invite friends to be a part of our

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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Christmas celebration.

Spring Reunion

Great News for those on the go! The Valley of New Bern is in the process of planning the John MacDonald Walston, KCCH (33° Elect) Reunion. This will be a one day reunion in the Spring. The details are still being finalized and will be published in the Bagpipe when complete. The date has been set for Saturday, March 22, 2014 so please mark your calendars. All the obligatory degrees will be conferred and a few of the remaining exciting and dramatic degrees are being selected for inclusion. This is an excellent opportunity for those on a limited time schedule to complete their initiatory requirements for the Scottish Rite in a single day. What better way to honor Brother John than to round up those busy individuals who have been procrastinating and get them to this one day reunion.

Summer Orient Leadership Conference

The Valley of New Bern will be hosting the Summer Orient Leadership Workshop. The dates have been set for August 1-2, 2014. If anyone would like to see a particular subject addressed or participate in any of the presentations please let the Valley Secretary know. Brethren this workshop is open to all members of the Scottish Rite and those wishing help further the goals and objectives of the Scottish Rite in North Carolina are encouraged to attend. The only request is that you let the Valley Secretary know that you plan to attend so that we can get an accurate count of the number of attendees. I have attended several of these workshops and have always come away with an increased awareness of the complex problems facing our Order and the

many and innovative ways our Orient is addressing those issues. Become part of the solution, attend these workshops, and help lead the Scottish Rite into the future.

Installation of Officers and New Duties

Brethren, at our stated meeting on January 14, 2014 we will elect and install officers for the ensuing year. If you are a line officer please mark your calendar and plan to attend. This past year the Strategic Planning Committee has made several recommendations to re-align and re-organize some of the officers and duties of the Valley Scottish Rite Bodies. These were approved by the Lodge of Perfection. This new organization will place import duties and responsibilities on the line officers of the several Bodies. Basically each of the four Bodies will be required to plan and conduct one of the four required Scottish Rite Banquets and Feasts. This is something we haven't done in the past but is a requirement of the Rite. Other Valleys have been performing these ritualistic gatherings for some time and we have lagged behind. It is important that those who hold positions in the line understand that these new duties will be implemented in 2014. Anyone having questions or comments should contact the members of the Strategic Planning Committee: [Valley Secretary](#) , [Bobby Meadows](#), or [Steve Burgess](#) . This is going be an exciting new year and we need dedicated and motivated individuals to step up to the plate.

Rite Care

The Valley is beginning to plan for our Spring fundraiser. Brother Aaron Morris will be chairman this year and he has

begun in earnest to set his plans in motion. The date has been set for May 9th and will go from 11AM to 2PM. If you have a pig-cooker, cooking talent, selling skills, can lick envelopes, bag up chicken plates, deliver chicken plates, or you are good at standing around and telling jokes to those who are working; we have need of your skills. Please call Brother Aaron @ [252-772-5578](tel:252-772-5578) and volunteer. We are especially in need of those with new jokes. Brethren, this is our annual fundraiser and we all have a good time while raising much needed money for our charity. Come out and be part of the action!

Silent Auction

The reunion is right around the corner on the 22nd of March. Don't forget your silent auction item.

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