

Valley of New Bern Bagpipe

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VMAP

The Valley has begun working on the VMAP Program for 2016. The Supreme Council has published a new work book for 2016. Those interested in viewing the additions can view it

at: <https://scottishrite.org/vmap/vmap-workbook-2016/> .

Brother Fred Whitty, KCCH is the Valley VMAP Coordinator. Those with reportable VMAP Activities please take note that documentation is the key. We have to document everything we do in VMAP. Visiting a Lodge and presenting a Scottish Rite Program is great; but if you don't turn in your paper work, the VAMP program will not credit the Valley for performing the work. Check out the VMAP Work Book and if you have performed any of the tasks listed, drop Brother Fred [Whitty](#) a line and let him know what you have done

Valley Organizations

Brethren, the VMAP program has identified several areas that our Valley could explore to improve membership and retention. One specific area that I

Upcoming Events

LOP Meeting

February 8, 7:30PM.

March 14, 7:30PM

Join us for dinner at 6:30PM

Clifton W. Everette Jr 33

Memorial Reunion

March 11 & 12

Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

April 11, 2016 @ 6:30PM

Family Members and Guests are encouraged to attend.

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

found could be exciting was in Social Organizations. As you know our Valley covers a large geographical area. Some of the remote areas cannot easily get to meetings and gatherings here in New Bern. The Scottish Rite can provide the umbrella for many social organizations such as a Scottish Rite: Motor Cycle Club, Dinner Club, Golf Club, WSB Club,.....etc. Just about any activity that would allow good men to gather could be considered. This would allow Scottish Rite members in you area to get together for fun and fellowship. For a suggestion list check out this [page](#). If you are interested in forming any of these groups, contact the [Valley Office](#).

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

Tyler's Place Podcast

The Supreme Council has initiated a Masonic Information podcast hosted by Brother Maynard Edwards 32degree. Brother maynard always has interesting factoids and anecdotes to share. Please check it out, click the following link:

<https://scottishrite.org/?s=tylers+place>

Double Eagle Medals

Interest in the Double Eagle Program is growing. Don't forget to sign up. Attendance points cannot be earned prior to enrolling in the program. For those already tracking their points, I am keeping a total of the points you have previously submitted. You need only turn in sheets to me with points you have earned since the last time you turned in a tally sheet. I am available to answer any questions you have at steve@picframegallery.com.

For those who have not yet enrolled or completed the points tally sheet, both forms can be found on

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the Valley Web Site, click on the Double Eagle Medal or [Click Here](#).

From the Archives

In this issue I am starting a new feature. I have received permission for the Supreme Council to scan and publish, on our website, back issues of the New Age Magazine. For the younger Scottish Rite masons, the New Age Magazine was the predecessor of the Scottish Rite Journal. Within its pages were many a gem of Masonic wisdom over the years. Each month I will scan a back issue and point out some interesting articles. Those interested in following the link can read the article for themselves. This issue I have chosen is the [January 1970](#) issue with two articles of interest, "I Am the Brother" pg 26 and "The Search for Truth" pg 53. Both present our problems of today from a 1970's perspective. Click the above link and you can see the whole issue download size 25 megabytes. The following link is just the referenced [articles](#) 2.2 megabytes.

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Reunion

The date for the Spring Reunion has been set and is scheduled for March 11 & 12, 2016. The banquet honoring Illustrious Brother Cliff will be on Friday beginning promptly at 6:00PM. Several of Brother Cliff's family members and friends will be attending. We ask that guest begin arriving at 5:30PM if

*possible. Brethren, even if you can't make it to the reunion, please come and help us honor the many accomplishments of Illustrious Brother Cliff. It is not too early to start soliciting candidates. Everyone thought the new lodge format for conferring our degrees was a success and fostered more engagement from the class. This reunion promises to be even better. Sometimes we forget that attending our reunions is a **duty** that we promised to perform. At times other duties get in the way, but attendance at the reunions is not something a Knight Kadosh should take lightly.*

Silent Auction

Don't Forget you silent auction items. Brethren, the silent auction doesn't seem like much, but it helps us fund the reunion. With past classes of 6, 8, and 4 candidates, there are insufficient funds generated from initiation fees to cover the costs of the reunions. Every little bit helps. Don't just bring an item, make sure you bid them up so that we can get more of Johnny's and Bobby's money.

WSB Club

The goal of the WSB Club is to fund the development of new programs and tools to enhance communications, education, and information for Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The WSB Club is an organization similar to a college alumni or booster club.

Members receive access to a special video series throughout the year along with other selected benefits.

With continued donations each year from club members we will keep these programs alive.

The Supreme council has organized a national WSB club. Please follow this link to discover the many opportunities it has to offer:

<https://scottishrite.org/members/wsb/>

We are in the process of forming a Valley WSB Club. If you are interested please contact [Steve Burgess](#) for details

Editor

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