

Valley of New Bern Bagpipe

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Great Idea!!

Brother Tom Mann, KCCH, from Franklin Lodge came up with a great idea. As you all know in today's society and fast paced life styles it is hard if not impossible to get to our Maundy Thursday or Ceremony of Remembrance Ceremonies. In order to help those Knights who are sojourning and unable to attend he thought that his lodge could set up a small table with decorations. Sojourning Knights could stop by for a few minutes on the way to work or at lunch and fulfill their obligation to meet with their Brother Knights on this special occasion. Light refreshments (coffee & doughnuts) could be served to encourage socialization. Several Lodges have expressed an interest in participating in the program. If you or your lodge is interested please contact the Valley Secretary for details.

February LOP Meeting

We will be discussing the annual budget at our next Lodge of Perfection meeting on 12 February. The

Upcoming Events

LOP Meetings:

February 13, 7:30PM

March 12, 7:30PM.

April 9, 7:30PM

Join us for dinner at 6:30PM

Reunions:

Ill. B.E. "Nickey" Miller Memorial
Reunion

March 23 & 24

Ceremony of Remembrance:

April 9, 6:30PM

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.

submission and approval of the annual budget is a significant event for our Valley and we need your input and participation. Help plan the goals and priorities for the next year.

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.

On-Line Auction

One step closer! The on-line auction of the remaining Scottish Rite property at the Hancock Street facility was a huge success. With the exception of a few remaining items we are out of the old Temple Building and that chapter is quickly being closed behind us. I would like to personally like to thank all who have worked diligently the past couple of years to see that our future is secure and these issues are finally put behind us.

Help Needed

The Valley Secretary is asking for assistance on Tuesday, February 13 at 10AM. We need to remove the last few items from storage at the Hancock Street building. We plan on meeting at the old building on Hancock Street at 10AM and it should not take long to finish up our exit from the building. Please, if you can help, we need your assistance.

Spring Reunion

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The Valley Of New Bern announces the Illustrious B. E. “Nickey” Miller Memorial Reunion. The date of the spring reunion has been set to March 23 & 24, 2018. This reunion will honor Ill. Brother Nickey Miller.

Nickey was initiated, passed, and raised in 1959 in Zion Lodge #81, at Trenton NC . Nickey served as the Valley Secretary from 2004 to 2004. He was active in several degrees and was master of the seventeenth degree. He will be honored at our banquet on Friday evening. Please plan to attend and help celebrate the memory of our distinguished brother.

Knights of Saint Andrew

Knights of Saint Andrew, to say that attendance at our KSA meetings has been dismal would be an understatement. It has come to the point where we need to seriously consider whether to continue or surrender our charter. The KSA Chapter has participated in many significant events and has been an asset to our Valley. However, as of late attendance has dropped back and we have not been able to muster a quorum for several successive meetings. We have not been able to elect officers, approve bylaws, or conduct routine business. As a result the First Knight has called a special meeting for February 28th. All knights are strongly encouraged to attend. Any Knight failing to attend, or obtain an excusal from the Valley Personal Representative, will be removed from the rolls.

Inspector & Inquisitor Club

The Valley is forming a “Inspector and Inquisitor Club”. The purpose of the club is to engage in a in-depth study the Scottish Rite Rituals and related documents. The club will be limited to ten (10) active members. It will meet monthly in the Valley Secretary’s Office. If you are interested in the esoteric side of our ritual and can meet in New Bern on the third Wednesday evening each month, contact the Valley Secretary to see if there are any current Vacancies.

NASCAR Race Car



Hello NASCAR fans ... ever dream of owning your very own race car? Now is your time ... you can own Dale Jarrett’s 1996 Ford Thunderbird ... tickets are only \$20.00 and can be purchased from your Valley Secretary ... all net proceeds will support our NC Rite Care Language Learning Disorder Clinics. Do you part, help a child today. The car can be made available to Members to show at scheduled events and gatherings. Contact the Valley Secretary for details.

Great Opportunity

Our Annual Rite Care Fund Raiser is in dire need of a

chairman. Brother Aaron has other responsibilities he must attend to this year. This is an excellent opportunity for someone to demonstrate leadership ability and dedication to the Scottish Rite. There are a corps of individuals willing to advise and assist but we need a “Fearless Leader” to step up to the plate for our Rite Care Clinic. Children in need are depending on us!!

Silent Auction

As you know, we are a few weeks away from our Spring Reunion. It is the weekend of March 23rd and 24th, at The York Rite Building on Glenburnie Boulevard in New Bern.

We are planning on doing a “silent auction” just as we have in the past, to help with our general operating expenses.

I am sending you this email soliciting items for the auction. We’d like for the items to have a value of about \$50. You can donate these items as individuals or as Scottish Rite Clubs.

Also, we are going to go back to auctioning baked goods. So if you would like to do that, then bring freshly baked items such as cookies, cakes, pies, etc.... Any baked goods brought on Friday will be auctioned on Friday, and any baked goods brought on Saturday will be auctioned on Saturday.

We’d like to have the items here no later than the first thing Friday morning of March 23. It would be nice if you could get them here earlier so we could

have the table set up when everybody arrives on Friday morning. You could send them by someone coming this way or mail them to the Temple if you live far away and don't have anyone coming this way. As an alternative, I will make myself available to pick up the items, if needed. Regardless, if you could contact me with what you're bringing, I can have the sheet for bidding set up when you get here with the item(s). Thanks for your support. I'm looking forward to the Spring Reunion and seeing you again.

Fraternally,

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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.

Editor

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