

# Valley of New Bern Bagpipe

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## *LOP Meeting & Fish Fry*

Franklin Lodge #109 has cordially invited all Scottish Rite Masons to attend the Lodge of Perfection Meeting and Fish Fry at Franklin Lodge located at 104 Professional park Drive, Beaufort NC. The festivities will begin with fish fry starting promptly at 6:30PM hosted by the Masons of Franklin Lodge. The New Bern Lodge of Perfection will open its stated meeting at 7:30 PM in the Franklin Lodge Room.

## *Strategic Planning*

### *Committee*

The Strategic Planning Committee is busy aligning the Valley job descriptions and functions with those identified on the 2016 VMAP Worksheet. The Supreme Council, Orient, and Valley Leaders are convinced that the VMAP Program provides the best course for the future of the Scottish Rite.

## *Dues & Stuff*

Brethren a brief word on Dues. Scottish Rite dues are payable in advance. That means 2016 dues are due on 1 January 2016. Each year the Secretary's Office,

## **Upcoming Events**

### **LOP Meeting**

July 11, 7:30PM.

August 8, 7:30PM

Join us for dinner at 6:30PM

### **Honorable Curtis**

### **Gillikin Memorial Reunion**

October 21 & 22

## *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.

Membership Retention Team, and Brother to Brother Program spend countless hours tracking down members looking for dues that should have been paid prior to 1 January. The annual budget is prepared with the best guestimate of the number of dues paying member we will have for the current year. When members delay in paying their dues it causes the Valley to go into the cash reserves. Transferring these fund have associated costs even if the dues shortfalls are finally caught up. Mailing out delinquent dues notices is costly and should be an unnecessary expense. Each year around July we have approximately 130 members who have not paid this year's dues. That equates to a \$ 14,710.00 shortfall in our operating expenses. Unfortunately our insurance, per capita, and assessments are all due at the beginning of the year. This means that each summer we have to dip into the reserve funds to make it through the year. WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS!!!

A Mason should be distinguished by paying his bills on time. Enough said.

## *Editor*

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