

Valley of New Bern Bagpipe

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March LOP Meeting

At the LOP Meeting on March 12, 2018 we will be finalizing the details for the Spring reunion. The topic of discussion for our education program will be "Circumambulation".

"THE HOD"

The education department of the Valley has implemented a new education program. Prior to each LOP meeting the education director will publish, on our website, "The Hod" which will contain the subject matter for our next education program in the LOP. This gives everyone an opportunity to review and be prepared to discuss the material. Participation in the discussion is strongly encouraged and will help ensure an enlightening experience for everyone. Information published in "The Hod" is the opinion of the author and is not intended to reflect official Scottish Rite interpretations or directives. It is an educational tool for the stimulation of conversation and to elicit different opinions. You

Upcoming Events

LOP Meetings

March 12, 7:30PM

April 9, 7:30PM.

May 14, 7:30PM

Join us for dinner at 6:30PM

Honorable "Nicky"

Miller Memorial Reunion

March 23 & 24

Rite Care Fund Raiser

May 18

Ceremony of Renewal and

Remembrance

April 9, 6:30PMpm

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

may view the first issue here:

<http://scottishritenewbern.org/thehod.php>

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.

Leadership Conference

The Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, will be conducting an Annual Leadership Conference in Atlanta, on April 20 & 21, 2018. Anyone interested in attending please contact the Valley Secretary, 252-638-4031 for details. The Valley of New Bern has always had good representation, please consider attending.

Annual Rite Care Reception

The annual Rite Care Reception and open house will be on March 27. Currently the plan is for everyone attending to meet for lunch at Sam Jones BBQ Restaurant, 715 W. Firetower Road, Winterville, NC. We will all travel as a group to the Rite Care Clinic. The actual Open House will start at 1PM. Contact the Valley Secretary, 252-638-4031 for reservations and more details. We need to provide a head count by March 23rd.

Maundy Thursday!!

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

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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.

Spring Reunion



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.

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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