



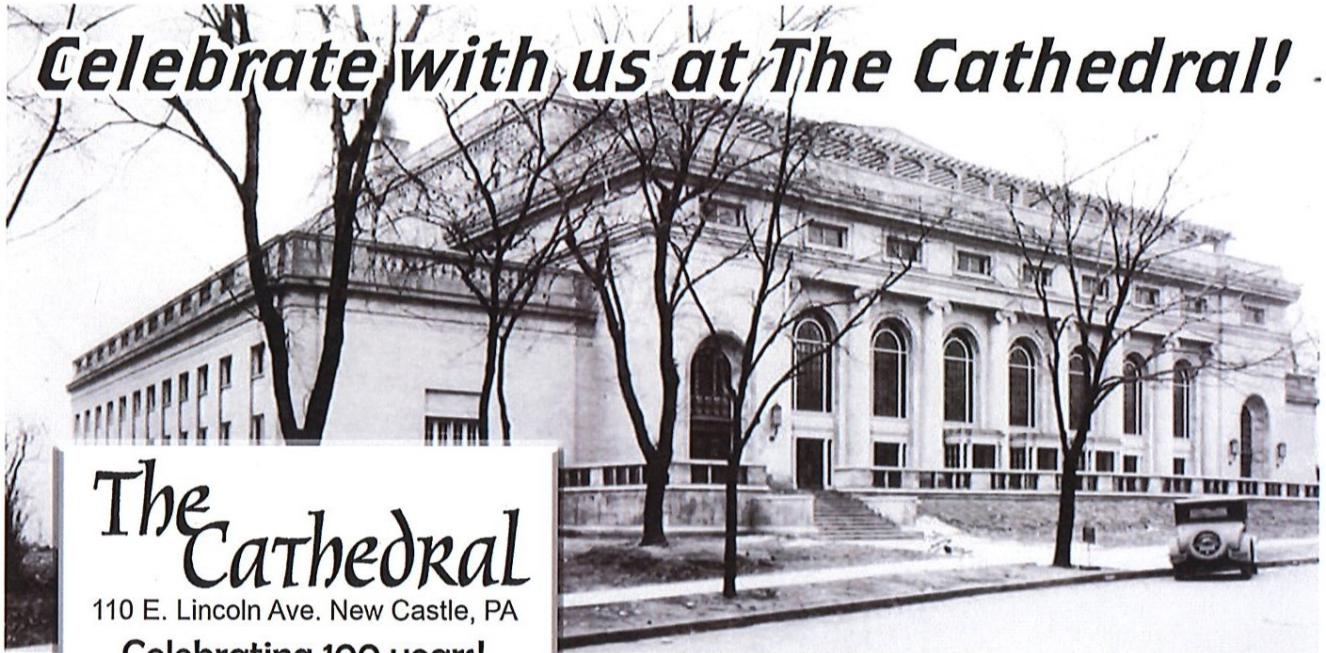
AASR VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE



# The Valley Clipper

April 2025

*Celebrate with us at The Cathedral!*



## The Cathedral

110 E. Lincoln Ave. New Castle, PA

**Celebrating 100 years!**

Join us in celebrating  
our past, present and future!

### UPCOMING ANNIVERSARY EVENTS:

Liverpool Legends

May 21, 7 pm

100th Anniversary Dinner/Concert

June 13, 4:30 pm

Time Capsule Reveal

June 14, 1:00 pm

Featuring guest speakers & dignitaries, 1 pm.

Open House & renovated Museum Tours, 2-4 pm

Save the date - concert tba!

Sept. 20, 7 pm

Holiday Concert

December 19, 7 pm

Featuring Bryan Pezzone, an accomplished pianist  
and composer for television and film.

[www.cathedralnewcastle.com/events-calendar](http://www.cathedralnewcastle.com/events-calendar)



**May 21, 7 pm**

Chosen over every other Beatles Tribute band in the world  
by top TV and film producer Jerry Bruckheimer, Liverpool  
Legends portrays the band that changed the course of  
music and the world forever!

**Tickets: \$90, \$45, \$35**

Scan for tickets or visit  
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**Save the Date of July 12, 2025!**



**The Valley of New Castle  
invites you to the Annual  
Meeting of the  
PA Council of Deliberation**

**Who is invited**

**Brothers and their wives**

**Lunch and Meeting**

**New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral starting at 12 noon**

**Dinner and MSA Presentation**

**The Marriott Hotel, 100 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Twp, PA  
16066 at 6pm in the evening**

**RSVP by**

**June 15, 2025 to John Cook by emailing [john@valleyofharrisburg.org](mailto:john@valleyofharrisburg.org)  
or calling (717) 658-3334**



**These are a Limited-Edition Pendant Jewel and Ribbon made for the 100TH Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and will be available to purchase on July 01, 2025, from the Valley Office. They are \$ 25.00 each and there are only 500 Available. Please call or visit the Office to place your Order.**

**724-654-5800 – [secretary033@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary033@yahoo.com)**

**A.A.S.R. Valley of New Castle**

**110 E Lincoln Ave**

**New Castle, PA 16101-2472**

## Commander-in-Chief's Message



Fraternal Greetings Brethren,

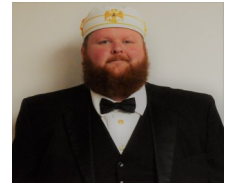
I just wanted to take a moment to thank all the Members and their families for giving me the greatest opportunity to be the Commander-in-Chief of your Valley for the past 3 years. My congratulations to the new Commander-in-Chief and all the Officers. We will all strive to keep our Great Valley moving forward in the future.

Also, a big thank you to my family, Brother Keith, and all the past Commanders-in-Chiefs for their support, all my Officers and the Valley Secretary for doing a fantastic job and the support they have given me.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ill. Donald P. Paul, 33°, MSA, Commander-in-Chief - New Castle Consistory

## 1st Lt. Commander's Message



Greetings Brethren,

As our new Scottish Rite year begins, I must say what an honor it is to serve as the Commander-in-Chief of our wonderful Valley. I am truly humbled by this opportunity and am here to serve you and our Valley.

The first thing I must do is thank Illustrious Brother Donald P. Paul, 33°, MSA for his service. Brother Don's tireless efforts have put our Valley in a strong position, and he will certainly be a "tough act to follow". Secondly, I would like to invite and ask you to please support a couple of our upcoming events. We will be having a "Devotion to Country" Reunion on May 10th (additional information enclosed in this edition of the Clipper), wear your favorite red, white, and blue apparel and come enjoy a day with your Scottish Rite brothers! The next event is the Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for our beautiful building, being held on June 14th.

In closing, I would like to challenge you to get a Blue Lodge brother to petition our Valley in the coming year. We provide NUMEROUS ways to join, Rite on the Road, Thursday Night at the Rite, and a good old-fashioned Reunion. If you have any questions on what any of the above programs are, please contact the office!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ill. Quient A. Anderson, 33°, 1st Lt. Commander - New Castle Consistory

## Valley Secretary's Message



Greetings Brethren,

As you read this, another **Scottish Rite Year**, has come to a close and a new one is beginning. This is yet another **opportunity for service and growth as a man and as a Mason**. We are working diligently in the Valley to advance the future of Scottish Rite Masonry and to keep the Cathedral operating. We have a **New Commander-in-Chief, a New 1st Lt., a New 2nd Lt. Commander,** with a **New Compliments of Appointed Officers**. We are looking forward to these **Men Leading the Valley of New Castle** through another **Scottish Rite Year**.

This particular year is extremely Exciting since it is a **Year Long Celebration of the 100th Year since the Building of the Scottish Rite Cathedral**, which was a remarkable achievement for it's **time in History, 1925**. In **2025** there are things happening on **June 13 & 14, 2025**, with the **Sovereign Grand Commander and the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden** paying us a visit on those dates. Also, the **Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation (PA COD)** will be Hosted by the Valley of New Castle on **July 12, 2025**, with events at the **Valley of New Castle** and at the **Pittsburgh Marriott North in Cranberry Township**. **The Sovereign Grand Commander, the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and the PA COD Deputy of the State of Pennsylvania ( who is from the Valley of New Castle)** will be in attendance for this event. Both of these **Events are open to all Scottish Rite Masons and their Ladies**. This is also the year of the **213th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council to be held in Indianapolis, IN from August 23-27, 2025**, for the raising of the **33° candidates**. We will have **Two men from the Valley of New Castle and One from the Valley of Oil City receiving this Honor** at this event. This **Event is also open to all Scottish Rite Masons and their Ladies**. Contact the **Secretary's Office** for more information on these **Events**.

Thank You for the Opportunity to Serve You,

Ill. Randall L. Connell, 33°, Valley Secretary - New Castle Consistory

## *Most Wise Master's Message*

Hello Brethren,

My time as Most Wise Master has come to an end. It was a wonderful experience. The men who make our Valley work are amazing.

I would like to thank each of you for sharing your time and talents to make last year's Officers and events so successful. We tried new concepts and new ideas, and they worked.

Congratulations to our previous Commander-in-Chief, Ill. Donald P. Paul, 33°, MSA. Your last three years have been inspiring, innovative, and rewarding. Your dedication to our fraternity is unparalleled. It has been an honor to serve with you.

Lastly, I would like to wish the new Officers my best wishes for their upcoming year. Our Valley is strong and with your continued participation, it will grow stronger.

Sincerely and fraternally,

**Bro. William B. Bittinger, 32°,MSA Most Wise Master - New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix**



## *Sovereign Prince's Message*

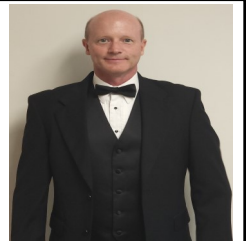
Brethren,

I want to thank all the Officers and Members for allowing me the privilege of serving as Sovereign Prince.

I am trusting as Spring arrives and our New Officers take over, we will have an exceptional year of fellowship with the variety of events we have on the schedule.

Sincerely and fraternally,

**Bro. Frank M. Morgan, 32°, Sovereign Prince - New Castle Princes of Jerusalem**



## *Thrice Potent Master's Message*

Brethren,

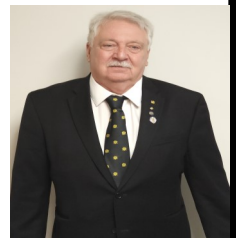
This year has been a good one. Some changes have been made to some of our events. I believe for the best.

The time has come for the changing of the guard. I thank all the brethren for all their help over the last year.

Thank You.

Sincerely and fraternally,

**Bro. Robert E. Allison, 32° - Thrice Potent Master - New Castle Lodge of Perfection**



# Summoned to Join the Grand Architect of the Universe

The following Brethren were reported deceased since our last Clipper.

Solemn strikes the funeral chime, Notes of our departing time; As we journey here below, Through a pilgrimage of woe! Mortals now indulge a tear, For mortality is near! See how wide her trophies wave o'er the slumbers of the grave! Here another guest we bring— Seraphs of celestial wing, To our funeral Altar come, Waft this friend and brother home. Lord of all! below—above— Fill

Paul D. Abraham – 12-19-24	Wilbur R. Book – 2-20-25	John B. Cranmer, Jr. – 1-28-25
Dalton R. Deeter – 6-17-23	John W. Duncan – 5-18-24	Maurice E. Eddy – 12-30-22
Lowell T. Engelman, Sr. – 2-2-25	Marcel P. Ferrere – 3-16-24	Robert F. Ford – 2-9-23
Samuel E. Fye – 12-20-23	Richard B. Haddox – 9-24-24	Ronald G. Gross – 1-14-25
Hugh P. Hall – 12-23- 24	Mark E. Hill, Sr. – 12-27-23	Larry J. Kline, Sr. – 12-13-24
James D. Lamison – 12-3-23	Robert D. Logan – 10-10-23	Richard H. Morris – 12-2-24
Charles J. Moyer – 12-13-24	John S. Pumphrey – 1-12-25	James A. Reed – 11-14-22
Frank J. Schwartz, Jr. – 10-26-24	Robert C. Shay – 8-24-23	Daniel W. Wescoat – 7-9-23
Wesley E. Wheale – 12-11-24		

Dear Brethren:

An all Bodies Joint Session Stated Meeting of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Valley of New Castle will be held in the East Lodge Room @ 7:30 PM on the dates listed below.

A dinner will be held before each meeting from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

**Dinner reservations must be made two weeks prior to the meeting. \$10 per person.**



**June 18, 2025  
October 15, 2025  
January 21, 2026  
March 18, 2026**



## ALLEGIANCE

The Body of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of New Castle, State of Pennsylvania, acknowledges and yields allegiance to the Supreme Council, Thirty-Third Degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is Lexington, Massachusetts, and whose Officers are:

**III. Walter F. Wheeler, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander**  
**III. Keith E. Parkinson, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania**



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*Brethren You Are Invited to the  
Valley of New Castle's Spring Reunion*

*Saturday May 10, 2025*

*“Devotion to Country”*

*Spring Reunion*

*Please wear Patriotic Colors if you have them, RED, WHITE and BLUE*

*Business Casual, Please no political attire.*

*Coffee & Donuts from 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM - In the East Dining Room*

*Reunion will begin at 8:15 AM - In the Auditorium*

*Petitions should be turned into the Valley Office, Paid For, and Approved on or before*

*Thursday - May 08, 2025 - Initiation Fee is \$ 200.00*

*The Degrees Presented will be as Follows:*

**04°, 15°, 17°, 20°, 23°, 24°, 26°, 32°**

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*Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events*

Apr 2	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
Apr 10	33°, MSA, VSA Spring Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 PM
May 7	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
May 10	Spring Reunion/Devotion to Country	Scottish Rite Cathedral	8:00 PM
June 4	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
June 18	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 PM

We need your help with various committees to make the above listed events possible. Please Contact the Valley Office at 724-654-5800 or [secretary033@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary033@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer for a committee. Visit the Valley website: [www.srvnc.org](http://www.srvnc.org) for more details & the most up-to-date schedule of events.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, one of the branches of Freemasonry continuing in the tradition of  
“Helping Good Men to Become Better Men.”