



AASR VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE



# The Valley Clipper

April 2026



Valley of New Castle  
**SCOTTISH  
RITE™**



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

*Saturday May 09, 2026*

*Spring Reunion*

*Business Casual Attire, Please no Jeans or Shorts.*

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*

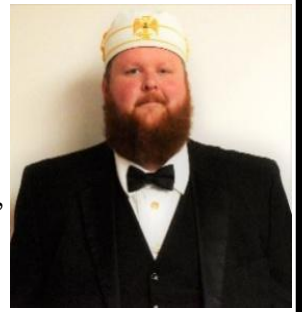
*Thursday - May 07, 2026 - Initiation Fee is \$ 200.00*

*The Degrees Presented will be as Follows:*

**04°, 07°, 17°, 27°, 32°**



## Commander-in-Chief's Message



Warmest Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

Our new Scottish Rite year has begun, please come out and support our new Officers! Again, this year we are offering many events for our members and encourage you to take to take advantage.

I'd like to ask you to advocate for our fraternity at your Blue Lodge meetings. This should have a twofold purpose, First it has the potential to get existing members re-engaged and Secondly, to get Blue Lodge Masons who don't belong interested in the Scottish Rite!

We've been trying to make it easier to join by doing "Rite on the Road" programs, taking the degrees to the Blue Lodge. If you would like more information on these programs, feel free to contact our office.

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued support, if you have any ideas that you would like the Valley to try, please let us know!

Sincerely and fraternally,

**Ill. Quient A. Anderson, 33°, Commander-in-Chief - New Castle Consistory**

## 1st Lt. Commander's Message



Greetings Brethren,

I cannot believe an entire year has passed since being elected as your Valley's 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Valley's Officers and volunteers for their dedication and support throughout the year. Their efforts made this term both productive and rewarding.

Under the leadership of our Commander-in-Chief, Ill. Quient A. Anderson, 33°, the new Scottish Rite year is off to an active start. We tried something new in February, we introduced a "**Rite on the Road**" presentation at Lake Myrtle Lodge No. 316 in Sandy Lake, PA. We welcomed 6 new members to the Valleys of New Castle and Oil City Lodge of Perfection. A second presentation was held in Parker Allegheny Canby Lodge No. 521 on March 26, 2026.

Looking ahead, our Spring Reunion will be held on May 9, 2026, starting at 8 am. We will also be holding our Stated Meeting on June 17, 2026, at 7:30 pm with a dinner being served at 6 pm. **RSVP's are required for the dinner.**

Addition details on these and other future events are available in this edition of **The Clipper**, on our website [www.srvnc.org](http://www.srvnc.org), or [www.scottishritenewcastlepa.com](http://www.scottishritenewcastlepa.com) and on our Facebook page, **Valley of New Castle, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite**.

Sincerely and fraternally,

**Ill. Mark E. Viertel, 33°, MSA, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander – New Castle Consistory**

## *Most Wise Master's Message*



Greetings Brethren,

March 31, 2026, marked the end of another Masonic year for our Consistory.

The Annual Election of Officers and installation begins a new Masonic Year with our New Officers and with high hopes for a successful future.

Our Chapter of Rose Croix will be in good hands with Roger Sigworth as Most Wise Master.

As I finish my term as Most Wise Master, I thank the current Officers for the fine work they have completed this year, for example, the Christmas Party and other projects and outings of the Consistory.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

**Ill. Dale J. Henderson, 33°, MSA, Most Wise Master - New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix**

## *Sovereign Prince's Message*



Greetings Brethren,

As Spring returns and the earth begins to renew itself, we are reminded of the enduring lesson found within our craft-that growth and renewal follow faithful labor. We have many great events ahead in the coming months, including the Spring Reunion. These occasions offer wonderful opportunities for fellowship, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I am also pleased to share that we will once again gather for the Stag Steak Fry at the Eintracht Picnic Grounds on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be continuing the cornhole tournament as part of the festivities, and I encourage everyone to join us, it was a great time last year and promises to be even better this year.

Finally, thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Sovereign Prince this past year, and thank you to all those Brethren who helped to guide me along the way. It has truly been an honor. I also extend my best wishes to our incoming Sovereign Prince and Officer corps as they begin their year of leadership.

Fraternal Regards,

**Bro. Randy A. Lambright, 32°, Sovereign Prince - New Castle Princes of Jerusalem**

## *Thrice Potent Master's Message*



Greetings Brethren,

As this year draws to an end in the Valley, I would like to draw attention to a New Event that the Officers of the Lodge of Perfection will be tackling this year. Our First Annual Sportsman's Bash will be held on August 29, 2026. This is an exciting new event for us to raise money for the Children's Dyslexia Center of Western, PA., and the Members Activities Fund! Tickets are \$25 each or \$30 at the door. Your ticket will give you a chance to win 30 great firearm/cash prizes throughout the event. Food and beverages are included with your ticket. There will also be numerous other raffles going on throughout the event! Please stop by the office to pick up a book of tickets to sell and bring a friend! The event is open to the public.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Thrice Potent Master.

Thank You,

**Bro. John M. McCormick, 32°, MSA, - Thrice Potent Master - New Castle Lodge of Perfection**

## Valley Secretary's Message



Greetings Brethren,

I write this with the thought of Spring in the air. As another Scottish Rite Year starts on April 01, 2026, I look forward to the New Opportunities we have, as Masons, to serve our Members and the Members of our Communities. The Valley of New Castle covers a vast amount of Western Pennsylvania and there is always lots to do.

I look forward to our scheduled Events for the 2026-2027 Scottish Rite Year, and the Members I will get to meet and socialize with through-out this time. Some, I've known for years and others I will get to meet for the first time as my "Masonic Circle of Good Men" expands. When you become a Master Mason, you make new friends at your Blue Lodge as a Scottish Rite Mason you make more friends in your Valley, as a York Rite Member you make more friends called companions and as a Shrine Member you make more new friends as a Shriner. This is the fraternity of the Masons, you start out as one and connect to many good men with similar values. I think, sometimes Masons forget why they became Masons in the first place or just forgot why they joined in the first place.

I look forward to everyone I will see this year and to those of you who can no longer venture out to the Valley, please do not hesitate to call the Secretary's Office, most of those phone calls are awesome as well. I love talking with Good Men and am always looking to gain knowledge and insight in this journey we call "LIFE." Our Members range from 18 to 100+, there are many views and opinions, and we need to hear them all. We need to try to move forward into the future without forgetting our past. I hope you all have a Great Masonic Year.

Thank You for the Opportunity to Share the Journey with You. Journey On.

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

### PA Council Of Deliberation Annual Meeting

**in Harrisburg, PA – July 11, 2026**

**Open to all Scottish Rite Masons  
MSA - Presentations**

**More information to follow**

# 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 our hearts with truth and love; When dissolves our earthly tie, Take us to Thy Lodge on high.

Clair F. Bailey – 1-15-26  
Timothy C. Brown – 7-24-25  
Calvin L. Edinger, II – 11-22-25  
William S. Hastings – 5-4-25  
Allen B. Housholder – 2-20-26  
Earl J. King – 1-17-26  
John R. McClure – 2-5-26  
Raymond W. Mong – 12-29-25  
Charles E. Schoeffel, Jr. – 7-20-25  
Norbert F. Slezak, Jr. – 2-12-26  
Jack C. Welch – 1-4-26

Blain M. Beers, MSA – 12-7-25  
Lawrence E. Bubeck, Sr. – 11-20-25  
Raymond L. Eidson – 12-21-25  
Johnny T. Heeter – 1-22-26  
Ronald C. Hughes – 1-6-26  
Paul H. Kiser – 12-12-25  
Glenn T. Miller – 1-27-26  
Donald M. Morgan, Sr. – 9-29-25  
Raymond D. Schroer – 10-18-25  
Frank J. Swetlech – 3-9-25

Roy J. Blair – 12-12-25  
Nicholas R. Double – 11-22-25  
Danny E. Goldinger, Sr. – 1-13-26  
Robert L. Hillberry, Jr. – 4-2-25  
Kenneth W. Ketterer – 12-2-25  
Thomas B. Mattlin, Sr. – 12-1-25  
John K. Mohny – 1-26-26  
Jerry L. Osborne – 2-6-26  
Donald R. Shoemaker – 9-17-25  
H. Carl Taylor – 2-16-26

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. \$15 per person.**



**June 17, 2026  
October 21, 2026  
January 20, 2027  
March 17, 2027  
June 16, 2027  
October 20, 2027**



## 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**

# VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM

## 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL STAG STEAK FRY

TICKETS  
\$25

### + CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

OPEN TO ALL MASONS  
& ADULT MALE GUESTS

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 1, 2026**

**EINTRACHT  
PICNIC GROUNDS**  
586 McKEE CROSSING RD.  
NEW CASTLE, PA 16105



TOURNAMENT ENTRY  
\$20 PER TEAM

WINNING TEAM TAKES  
50% OF ENTRY FEES

**16 TEAMS MAX!**

**DOORS OPEN / TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION @ 11:00 AM**  
**TOURNAMENT BEGINS AT 12:00 PM SHARP | DINNER @ 2:30 PM**

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE BY CALLING 724-654-5800**  
**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER JULY 24TH OR AT THE DOOR**

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*Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events*

**2026**

|          |                             |                          |         |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| April 1  | Executive Meeting           | Scottish Rite Cathedral  | 7:00 PM |
| April 16 | 33°, MSA, VSA Spring Dinner | Scottish Rite Cathedral  | 6:00 PM |
| April 25 | PA C.O.D. Officers Training | Scottish Rite Cathedral  | 8:00 AM |
| May 6    | Executive Meeting           | Scottish Rite Cathedral  | 7:00 PM |
| May 9    | Spring Reunion              | Scottish Rite Cathedral  | 8:00 AM |
| June 17  | Stated Meeting              | Scottish Rite Cathedral  | 7:30 PM |
| June 19  | Scraper's Baseball Game     | Eastwood Village Field   | 6:30 PM |
| July 11  | PA C.O.D.                   | Harrisburg, PA           | 8:00 AM |
| Aug 5    | Executive Meeting           | Scottish Rite Cathedral  | 7:00 PM |
| Aug 13   | Annual Steak Fry            | Eintracht Picnic Grounds | 2:30 PM |
| Aug 29   | Sportsman's Bash            | Scottish Rite Cathedral  | TBA     |
| Sept 2   | Executive Meeting           | Scottish Rite Cathedral  | 7:00 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 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."