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THE VALLEY CLIPPER

OCTOBER 2020



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Buttermilk Pancakes, Buckwheat Cakes,
Whole Hog Sausage, Drinks

**Saturday, January 16, 2021
12-6 pm – Take Out Available**

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&**

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To:

**Valley of New Castle
110 East Lincoln Avenue
New Castle, PA 16101
Attn: Pancake Dinner**



Thrice Potent Master - Michael T. Williams, 32°

Brethren,

As we enter this fall season, I hope this message finds everyone in good health physically, mentally, and spiritually.

The first thing that comes to my mind is WHAT A YEAR 2020 HAS BEEN!! While life has seemed to stop for many, we at the Consistory, have been holding regular Zoom meetings. We have worked on planning events, cancelling those events and holding on to hope to have the next scheduled event, only to cancel that one as well. Presently, all events for 2020 have been cancelled except for a virtual Reunion.

God willing, 2021 will be a much healthier year for our country, and we will be able to fellowship through regular meetings and events. Know though, that no matter what 2021 hold for us, the Officers at your Valley will continue to make plans, as all of you should also. This virus, may have changed life as we have come to know it, but it has not ended life. We must continue to make plans, and strive to move forward, and prosper personally, as well as a fraternity.

Fraternally,

Michael T. Williams, 32° - Thrice Potent Master



Most Wise Master - Calvin C. Creighton, 32°, MSA

Fraternal Greetings Brethren,

Hoping with all that is going on with the pandemic, that the Brethren and their families are safe and in good health.

It is nice that even though we cannot attend live meetings, to be able to at least attend virtual meetings and see degrees with Thursday Night at the Rite.

I ask that you reach out to your Brothers in Blue Lodge and in the Valley to check on and let them know they are missed.

Till paths cross again at an in person meeting, take care and be safe.

Fraternally,

Calvin C. Creighton, 32°,MSA - Most Wise Master



Sovereign Prince - Ill. Gerald C. Cochran, 33°, MSA

Brethren,

Due to the current pandemic, there are still opportunities for our Valley to meet some of the needs of our brothers and new candidates. Supreme Council is offering Virtual Class Reunions on October 3, October 24, and November 14. You will need to register at the Northern Masonic website, <https://scottishritenmj.org> to view the degree work.

Many of our planned activities have been cancelled due to PA gathering size limitations. Our hope is to be able to meet back together in 2021.

As all of you must know by now, Supreme Council has set up a new dues structure, where you will be paying all your dues in one billing, as opposed to each Valley collecting their individual dues. We appreciate all who have paid their dues in a timely fashion, and thank you.

If you have a need, or know of a brother who has a need, please contact your Valley Secretary or the Hospitaler.

Sincerely,

Ill. Gerald C. Cochran, 33°, MSA - Sovereign Prince



Commander-In-Chief - Ill. W. Thomas Marlowe, Jr., 33°

A Hardy Hello Brothers,

To use an old line "A funny thing happened to me, on the way to our Fish Fry."

Many of you are aware of all the difficulties we have faced this year. No Past Commanders-in-Chiefs, had a year like this.

The efforts made by all your Valley of New Castle Officers, are greatly appreciated. It will be a most noteworthy year. Moving on, we hope to get back to a more normal effort.

We have invited the candidates to the Virtual Reunion on October 3rd. Brethren, if you meet any of the new members/candidates, please offer a warm welcome. Some of them are almost 2 years in the waiting and still persevered.

We have had the "Thursday Night at the Rite" programs this summer. On a few of those nights, thousands watched the presentations. The home page of the NMJ, has also shown some viewers a way to join the Scottish Rite. A few of these were not yet, or not Masons. So, we see that we have some good men who would like to join our fraternity.

My point brethren is, we may have many brothers and men wanting to become Masons or Scottish Rite Masons. The future is ours to grasp. I am asking each of our members to be aware of potential candidates, we need to think about the future of our fraternity.

History shows that from time memorial, we have led the way for society and the fraternity. Our call to arms is here again. Let us all make our most serious efforts for good of all.

Hope to see
all of you at an event or meeting. Be safe and well.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ill. W. Thomas Marlowe, Jr., 33° - Commander-in-Chief



1st Lt. Commander - Donald P. Paul



Dear Brethren,

Just a little note to say that I hope to find everyone well in these trying times.

The Fraternity has been weathering a storm of changes and cancellations throughout the year, but we must strive to pull together as brothers to get through the rest of 2020.

Next year will be filled with events and family functions.

Don't miss our Virtual Reunion October 3, October 24, and November 14. Please help support and welcome our new members.

If you are in need of anything, please contact me or our Valley Secretary.

Fraternally,

Don Paul-1st Lt. Commander

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:

Ill. David A. Glattly, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill. Robert J. Bateman, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania

Secretary - Ill. Randall L. Connell, 33°



Dear Brethren,

VALLEY ACTIVITIES

Since the maximum number of people to have, in an inside group is 25, we have had to CANCEL most activities for 2020. There will be No Ambassador's Brunch, No Oktoberfest, and No Christmas Party.

We will try to start 2021 out with the January 16, 2021 Pancake & Sausage Dinner and the January 20, 2021 Stated Meeting, if we are able to meet at that time. We will continue to schedule things in advance and see if we must cancel them due to State Orders. We had many events scheduled for 2020, but one by one they were all cancelled due to no choice of our own. This has been a crazy time to operate a Scottish Rite Valley, but we will persevere like everyone else and see what the future holds for us all.

We will be doing a hybrid type of meeting with our new candidates in October, but it will not be open to the full membership, due to the pandemic. We will be contacting the candidates and letting them know of our plans very soon. If you have anyone who would like to join the Valley of New Castle, please have them call the Valley Office to talk to the Secretary to get informed of the proper procedure to become a candidate. You cannot plan anything too far in advance due to the possibility of cancellation anyway.

The Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction will be hosting three Virtual Reunions this fall for all the members to view online if they chose to do so. You need to sign up for these viewings on the Supreme Council website or go to www.reunion.srnmi.org to get signed up for these Virtual Reunion Dates. They will be as follows:

October 03 2020 - 9:00 AM - 04°, 06°, 15°, 23° - Subject to change without prior notice.

October 24, 2020 - 9:00 AM - 04°, 17°, 19°, 26° - Subject to change without prior notice.

November 14, 2020 - 9:00 AM - 04°, 12°, 29°, 31° - Subject to change without prior notice.

DUES & DUES PAYMENTS

Brethren, I would like to take this opportunity to try to explain the Dues Naming and Collection Procedure for the Valley of New Castle. The reason for this is twofold, first, this is the most misunderstood thing that happens in the Valley, and it affects every member. Secondly, the Dues Collection Process has changed dramatically this year, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Dues Notices, in the past, were always sent out around April 01 of the year. The reason being, the Valley of New Castle's fiscal year, is from April 01, 2020 - March 31, 2021. Since Valley's have different fiscal years across the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, it meant Supreme Council was always processing somebody's Valley Dues. This year when the Pandemic hit our Dues Notices were in the processing stage at Supreme Council. We were contacted initially and told that ALL Dues Collections would be halted until after June 01, 2020, to see what was going to happen to the membership from the Covid-19 Pandemic. During this time, Supreme Council decided that they were going to change the Dues Collection procedures completely. The New Process for Dues Collection is as follows. All Valley's in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction are now going to be collected on or around August 01. This meant a four month change to our Dues Collection Procedure. This changes does not change our Dues Year, just the Collection Date. This brings us to the next area of confusion. Our Dues Year is from April 01, 2020 until March 31, 2021 and is called 2021 Dues. This is because it expires on March 31, 2021. Our next Dues period is from April 01, 2021 to March 31, 2022 and will be called 2022 Dues and will be billed for around August 01, 2021. This can be confusing, and we get more calls about this than any other thing. Just know, that you are only paying for one year at a time, and are always getting your years' worth of time. No one is trying to pull a fast one on you or cheat you out of your money, this is a Masonic Organization, and we still always do the best that we can for our Fraternity.

Just a friendly reminder, the Scottish Rite does not sent out yearly membership cards. The silver/gray plastic card that you currently have is a permanent membership card. If you do not have one, please contact the Valley Office and we will order you a new one. Also, for 50-year and over members, the Scottish Rite does not reduce you dues to zero. The policy is that anyone who is 80-years old or older AND who is experiencing financial hardship or a health-related issue that makes paying your dues a burden, may apply for Senior Status which will reduce your dues to zero. This needs to be done while you owe NO DUES, senior status requires a \$0.00 balance to be applied for. If you need to apply and OWE DUES, please call the Office for assistance.

THOUGHTS ON THE ORGANIZATION

The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America is the Premier Masonic Organization in the World. It is made up of Four Bodies and they are as follows: the Lodge of Perfection, the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, the Chapter of Rose Croix, and the Consistory - the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. With the creation of the new Path Forward Initiative, from the Supreme Council, NMJ, and it was given to the Masonic Grand Lodges across the World, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, the Southern Jurisdiction, the Shriners International, and Grand Lodges across the World are working together to rebuild the Masonic Community. This does, however, come with some changes, and all those changes do not happen without a few mistakes. There will be some printing errors, there will be some Degree Presentation errors, there will be some things that are misunderstood. This must be expected when taking on such overwhelming change. The website Degree Presentation crashed the internet the first couple times, due to such great response. A new software was acquired, and it has been getting better, but there are still some glitches. I assure you they will be fixed. The new team that has been assembled at Supreme Council, NMJ, is young, eager, willing, and able to carry the Organization into the future. With some patience on the part of the membership and some assistance from the people that they replaced; the Organization has a Great Future. The numbers did not drop overnight, and they will not rise again overnight, but the future looks better than it has in years. The Scottish Rite is moving into the future and using the newest technology to do it. Never forget, however, that human to human contact is still the greatest gift in Freemasonry. How you present yourself and the Organization to others is the basis of what Freemasonry is all about. Remember it takes years to get new members and to build an Organization but only minutes to lose them both. Try to use your voice to build, not to tear down, the Organization. We are ALL Master Masons and should ALL be working together for the future. Not everything works to YOUR advantage, but it may just work out to everyone else's. Sometimes selfishness, overtakes selflessness. I remember taking an oath to serve my Brethren, but I do not remember taking an oath to be served by them.

Some people say, "Hey, wait a minute you are not mentioning the York Rite," well my Brethren, the last time I checked, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is York. Your first three degrees are York degrees, Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellowcraft Mason, & Master Mason, then if you choose to, you can follow through with the rest of the degrees after you join the York Rite Bodies, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal & Select Master Masons, and the Commandery of Knights Templar.

The following are some websites that you can visit if you have an interest in furthering your Masonic Knowledge, they are as follows:

www.beafreemason.org

[New Member Information](#)

www.pagrandlodge.com

[PA Grand Lodge Information](#)

www.yorkrite.org

[York Rite Information](#)

www.scottishritenewcastlepa.com

[Valley of New Castle Information](#)

www.pacod.us

[Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation](#)

www.cathedralnewcastle.com

[Cathedral Information](#)

www.scottishritenmj.org

[Supreme Council NMJ Information](#)

www.shrinersinternational.org

[Shriners Information](#)

www.scotishrite.org

[Supreme Council SJ Information](#)

In closing, please feel free to contact the Valley Secretary Office anytime if you need something or would like some information. Also, if you have an 'information change', such as a new Address, or Phone Number, a death to report or simply a question about something you do not understand, call us or send us a letter, an e-mail, or a Contact Us Form from the Valley of New Castle Website, and we will get you an answer to your question, if there is one. I have listed the contact information below. Thank You.

Sincerely & fraternally,

Randall L. Connell

Secretary

Valley of New Castle - 110 E. Lincoln Avenue - New Castle, PA 16101-2472

724-654-5800 - Office secretary033@yahoo.com - Office

724-822-4660 - Cell atak4k0282@gmail.com - Cell

BINGO!! BINGO!! BINGO!!

We need helpers for bingo on Tuesday nights at the Cathedral.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Dawn at 724-654-6683 opt 1. She will take your information and give you the details for Tuesday night.

Thank You.

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 @ 7:30pm. Dinner is from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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



**October 21, 2020
January 20, 2021
June 16, 2021
October 20, 2021**





In Memoriam *Deaths since our last Clipper* *(Feb - Aug)*



Ill. Edward M. Anderson, Jr., 33° - 4-5-20

Ill. Fred J. Livingston, 33°-6-15-20

Ill. Paul V. McKinley, 33°, MSA – 6-27-20

Ill. Richard K. McMillen – 8-26-20

James L. Anderson-2-21-20

Kenneth E. Bleakney-2-25-20

Russell A. Brumbaugh-4-30-20

Jon W. Campbell-3-3-20

Gail R. Cowan-2-25-20

Bruce L. Drotleff-3-19-20

Raymond E. Dunn-1-14-20

Richard G. Eshelman-8-26-20

Gordon A. Ferguson-1-31-20

Charles F. Fleming-5-21-20

David W. Gall-3-9-20

Richard P. Gray-2-21-20

Richard E. Hess-1-27-20

L. Dale Kline-6-7-20

Frederick E. Leslie-3-24-20

Frederick C. McIlhattan-6-10-20

Earl F. Neely-4-6-20

Thomas E. Prosser-5-27-20

Harold F. Reed, Jr.-5-23-20

George M. Robinson-7-14-20

Rudolph W. Schunk-8-2-20

Charles E. Shipley-2-2-18

Leroy R. Spearing-2-17-20

Harvey G. Texter-4-21-20

Malcolm D. Walker-2-6-20

Douglas E. Wells-7-18-20

Eugene E. Zimmermann-2-3-20

Wyman C. Barger-5-23-20

Harry A. Brain-7-12-20

Ralph E. Cable-7-27-20

Donald E. Clark-8-11-17

William C. Curry-1-18-20

Philip L. Duncan-3-20-20

David C. Eakin-6-7-20

Alfred E. Ewing, Sr.-4-18-20

Leslie N. Firth-4-9-20

Rodney G. Fritz-1-11-20

Cesar Gallegos-3-22-20

Gary R. Hefferman-12-30-19

John R. Hillman, Sr.-11-24-19

Anthony E. Kulfan-7-5-20

Richard M. Martin-3-27-20

Francis C. Miller-3-10-20

Dale M. Pennington-6-21-20

Gary L. Plymire-2-15-20

John F. Reyer-8-1-19

Melvin D. Sefton-7-15-20

Richard D. Seger-6-5-19

Chester A. Smith-6-6-20

Herman W. Specht-6-30-20

Jack E. Uber-8-16-20

Floyd M. Ward, Jr.-2-6-20

Duane E. Wolfe-5-3-20

Larry L. Zimmerman-3-9-20

Dale W. Bish-8-1-20

James A. Brown-8-3-20

Chet C. Cameron-5-17-20

James R. Cooper-2-7-20

Stanley T. Drake-7-2-20

William A. Dunfee-7-18-20

Junior E. Eisenhuth-4-26-20

Clair E. Ferguson-8-28-19

Cecil H. Fitzgerald, Jr.-2-24-20

Richard B. Frost-8-15-20

G. Russell Gibson-2-29-20

Edward L. Hensel-4-30-20

Forest E. Johnson-4-1-19

James E. Leary-10-9-19

Donald G. McCartney-4-20-20

Leonard W. Miller-7-23-20

Wayne E. Phipps-2-3-20

Larry G. Quigley-2-11-20

Richard F. Roberts-7-10-20

Arthur J. Schlemmer-2-12-20

James A. Shablesky-5-23-20

Samuel F. Smith-3-25-20

John D. Stewart-11-10-18

Melvin R. Walker-4-25-19

Willard W. Weikal-4-18-20

Robert P. Zahniser-8-29-19

PLEASE READ

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you have an email address and are not registered on the NMJ Member Center, [PLEASE REGISTER](#). By being registered Supreme Council will be able to let you know of events that are emailed to those members who have registered and want to know more of what is going on in the NMJ.

Thursday Night at the Rite is one of the items that was started during COVID-19. The new 4^o, also the 23^o and 26^o and other degrees have been shown and you can get credit for watching them in your passport. But this is only available to members who are registered in the NMJ Member Center.

Here is how to get registered. Log into:

Scottishritenmj.org

Click on the Member Center tab

Register

Once you are registered you will start to receive e-mails that are sent to those members who have registered. You will need your membership number and birth date to register.

Take the time once you register to look at all the good information that you will find under the various tab.

Supreme Council is hoping that everyone will register and have this tool available to them and find it easier to stay connected.

The Ambassador Brunch, Oktoberfest, Christmas Party have been cancelled.

The October Stated Meeting is scheduled for October 21st, and the Fall Reunion is scheduled for November 7th.

2021 Pancake and Sausage Dinner starts off the New Year.

Hope to see you all very soon. Stay safe, stay healthy.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.



Fall Reunion

Saturday November 07, 2020

08:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Scottish Rite Cathedral Valley of New Castle Auditorium

110 E Lincoln Ave, New Castle, PA 16101-2472

Fall Reunion Degrees:

4°, 14°, 20°, 22°, 24°, 32°

Please join the Valley of New Castle in Congratulating Brothers James O. McKim and Michael P. Paul on their achievement of being awarded the Meritorius Service Award.

Please take a moment, when you see these Brothers, to congratulate them on their achievement.

Thank You.

Please join the Valley of New Castle in Congratulating this year's
Abbott Scholarship Winners

Janelle N. Balas

Owen D. Balas

Jackson L. Thomas

Lauren E. Slaughaupt

Begin your Scottish Rite journey this fall with our

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KNIGHT OF THE EAST

MASTER OF THE SNAKE

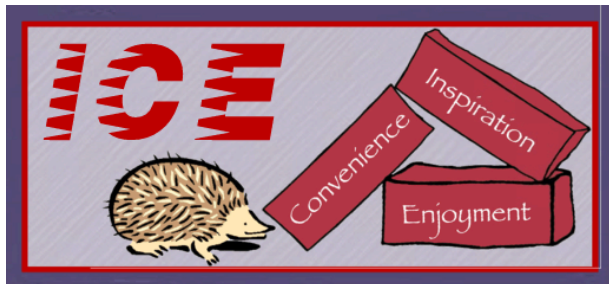
We have a seat waiting for you.
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Learn more & register at Reunion.SRNMJ.org

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Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events

October 7	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 pm
October 21	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
November 4	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 pm
November 7	Fall Reunion	Scottish Rite Cathedral	8:00 am
December 4	33° Christmas Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:00 pm
January 6, 2021	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 pm
January 16, 2021	Pancake Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	12-6 pm
January 20, 2021	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
February 13, 2021	Family Fun Day	Scottish Rite Cathedral	TBA
March 19, 2021	Fish Fry	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 pm

We need your help with various committees to make the above listed events possible. 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 at www.scottishritenewcastlepa.com for more details and the most up-to-date schedule of events.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, one of the branches of Freemasonry continuing in the tradition of "Making Good Men Better."