



The Valley Clipper

January 2026

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Children's
Dyslexia
Center

Valley of New Castle
SCOTTISH
RITE™

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES & SAUSAGE

Buckwheat Pancakes, Buttermilk Pancakes, Sausage & Drinks

Saturday, January 17, 2026

12-6 PM - Take Out Available

New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral

Proceeds benefit:

Children's Dyslexia Center of Western Pennsylvania
& Scottish Rite Activities Fund

ADULTS \$ 10 - CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$ 5

Questions? Call 724-654-5800

Tickets Available In Advance:

By Mailing A Self-Addressed
Stamped Envelope With Your
Check Payable To: A.A.S.R.

Mail To:

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



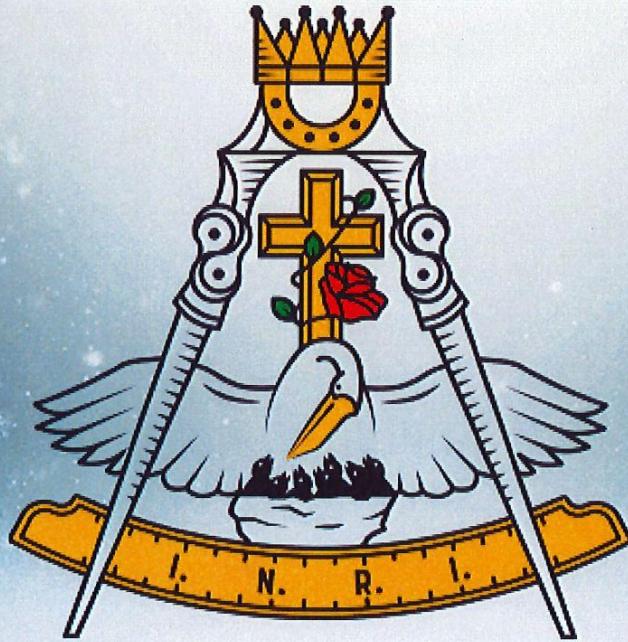
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ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

JANUARY 2026

STATED MEETING



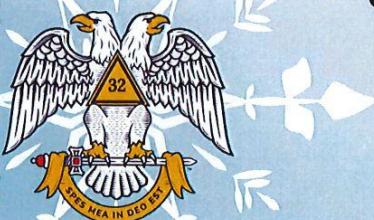
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2026 @ 7:30PM
DINNER 6:00-7:00PM

The New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix Officers are presiding over this meeting.

DINNER COST: \$15

**PLEASE RSVP FOR
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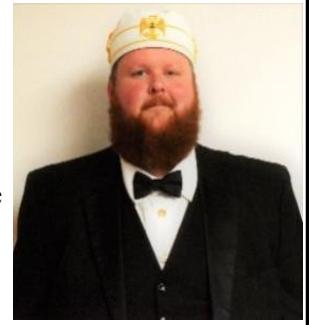
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Commander-in-Chief's Message

Happy New Year Brothers,

We hope that you make a New Year's Resolution for 2026 to spend some time with us at the Valley of New Castle.



As always, keep an eye on the Clipper, our social media accounts/website, or just call the Valley to find out what we have in store.

We would love to have you participate in some of our awesome events! I would like to specifically call your attention to our Stag Fish Fry on March 20th, with our VERY special speaker, Past Right Worshipful Master of Pennsylvania, Jeffrey M. Wonderling. Bring a friend who you want to experience Scottish Rite Masonry.

As always, we have many events scheduled for 2026 for the family too!

Cheers to an awesome 2025 and looking forward to an even greater 2026!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

1st Lt. Commander's Message

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Holiday Season. As winter is upon us, your Valley of New Castle has planned some events to help you get out of the cold-weather blues and enjoy some Warm fellowship with your fellow brothers. First up is our All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage event on **January 17, 2026**, at the Cathedral from 12-6 pm. Tickets are available at The Valley Office at 724-654-5800 or by mail at 110 E. Lincoln Ave., New Castle, PA 16101. The next event will be Out Stated Meeting on **January 21st** at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral with the Officers of the Rose Croix presiding. A dinner will be held before the meeting. The next event is a fun one. It is our Family Bowling Event. It will be held **February 28th** at the Grove City Bowl-O-Drome from 1-3 pm. The last two events that I will mention is the Stated Meeting on **March 18th** at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral. This will be our installation meeting for our new Valley Officers. A dinner will also be held before the meeting. The Annual Stag Fish Fry will be held on **March 20th** at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral.



Further information for these events can be found in this edition of the Clipper and also on our website www.srvnc.org and also on our Facebook page: Valley of New Castle, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Sincerely and fraternally,

III. Mark E. Viertel, 33°, MSA, 1st. Lt. Commander – New Castle Consistory

Most Wise Master's Message

Hello Brethren,

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Thank you to all that helped in making the Annual Christmas Children's Party a success!! Special thank you to the following: William Bittinger, 32°, MSA, and Family, Santa's Special Elf Erinn, Roger & Mike Sigworth & Family, "The Music Man" Bruce G. Earhart, 32°, MSA, Don Paul, 33°, MSA, Deputy Representative, Past Commander, Jeffrey S. Maier, 32°, Santa Clause, Randall L. Connell, 33°, Secretary for the Valley, for being the Grand Organizer and answering everyone's questions!!

Some dates to remember: January 1, 2026 New Year's Luncheon, January 17, 2026 Pancake Dinner, January 21, 2026 Stated Meeting, March 18, 2026 Stated Meeting, and March 20, 2026 Stag Fish Fry.

Sincerely,

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

Sovereign Prince's Message

Greetings Brethren,

As we look ahead to the New Year, we are reminded that Freemasonry calls us to reflect on our labors and renew our Commitment to the principles that guide us. This time of year offers a meaningful opportunity to pause, give thanks, and look Forward with purpose.



It was wonderful to see many of you at our Reunion in November. The strength of our fraternity is always most evident when we gather in fellowship. Congratulations to our newly Conferred 32° Brethren on reaching this important milestone, and on your continued dedication to the Craft.

As we begin the New Year, I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events, including the Pancake and Sausage Dinner on January 17th. This event not only allows us to fulfill our Masonic obligation, but also gives us the chance to reconnect, strengthen our bonds, and enjoy one another's company.

Until then, I wish you and your families a Happy New Year filled with peace, good health, and continued light.

Fraternal Regards,

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

Thrice Potent Master's Message

Fraternal Greetings,



By the time this Clipper comes out, the New Year will be upon us. The New Year brings a renewed sense of commitment to our Valley and our Scottish Rite Charities. I would like to reflect on one charitable opportunity that you may not know of. It is called the Builders Council. Joining the Builders Council is achieved through a commitment of \$10,000 to our Children's Dyslexic Center. It is open to members of the Valley and non-members. Your monthly/annual gifts lasting no longer than 10 years, naming the Children's Dyslexia Center of Western, PA in your will, making a bequest to the Children's Dyslexia Center of Western, PA or establishing an annuity or trust. Your name will be immortalized on the Builder's Council plaque that hangs in the lobby of the Scottish Rite Cathedral outside of the Learning Center.

For more information, please reach out to the Learning Center Board of Governors.

Thank You,

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

Valley Secretary's Message

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A New Year gives us a new opportunity to grow as individuals and as Masons. Our future looks bright, but only if we remember and get back to the values this Nation was founded upon. Without a firm foundation of Spiritual, Moral and Ethical values, there can be no bright outlook for the future for all of us. Our Masonic Obligations give us direction, and our book of plans gives us the way forward. Let's make 2026 a great year and a solid foundation for the upcoming years.



As of January 01, 2026, I took on the responsibility of Secretary/Treasurer of the Benefit Fund (Men) and the Wimodausis Benefit Fund (Women). I would like to thank Danny McKnight for his 30 plus years of service for those funds and for his continuing assistance in training me for this position.

The Valley has a busy schedule for the 2026-2027 Scottish Rite Year. I will list the confirmed Activities scheduled as of now:

January 01, 2026, 1:00 PM
January 05, 2026, 7:30 PM
January 17, 2026, 12:00 PM
January 21, 2025, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Dinner
January 29, 2026, 6:30 PM

February 12, 2026, 7:30 PM
February 26, 2026, 7:30 PM

February 28, 2026, 1:00 PM
March 12, 2026, 7:30 PM
March 18, 2026, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Dinner
March 20, 2026, 6:30 PM
March 26, 2026, 7:30 PM

April 16, 2026, 6:00 PM
April 25, 2026, 8:00 AM
May 09, 2026, 8:00 AM
June 17, 2026, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Dinner
June 19, 2026, 6:30 PM

Good Luck Sauerkraut and Pork Dinner at the Cathedral
Thursday Night at the Rite – From Your Home – 4° & 6°
Pancake Dinner at the Cathedral
7:30 PM Stated Meeting at the Cathedral
TNR Watch Party-Call the Valley Office for more information
4° & 9°
Thursday Night at the Rite – From Your Home 4° & 11°
Thursday Night “Rite on the Road” – To Be Announced
4° & 15°
Family Bowling Party at Grove City Bowl-O-Drome
Thursday Night at the Rite – From Your Home – 4° & 22°
7:30 PM Stated Meeting at the Cathedral
Stag Fish Fry at the Cathedral
Thursday Night “Rite on the Road” – To Be Announced
4° & 29°
33°, MSA, VSA Spring Dinner at the Cathedral
Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation – Officer Training Seminar
Spring Reunion
Stated Meeting at the Cathedral
Scrapper's Baseball Game and Fireworks Night

I hope to see you at some of these functions. If you have any questions, please call the Valley Office at 724-654-5800 between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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.

Thomas E. Campbell – 5-27-25
Clyde M. Coulter, Sr. – 8-16-25
Timothy J. Fulton – 10-22-25
Leonard G. Hetson – 9-28-25
James A. Janzig – 10-7-25
David C. Marsh – 11-8-25
John E. Morgan – 9-16-25
James R. Rust – 5-26-25
Abraham J. Stevenson – 9-6-25

Herbert E. Coggon – 10-6-25
Nevin P. Critchlow – 9-21-25
Marvel E. Gaiser, Jr. – 10-29-25
David H. Hornberger – 8-28-25
Thomas G. Lamoree, II. – 9-10-25
Anthony G. Mastrangelo – 9-1-25
Bruce W. Reynolds – 9-25-25
T. Richard Snedden – 9-21-25
Bradley W. Stull – 10-4-25

Wayne E. Cole, Jr. – 11-25-24
Matthew J. Edwards – 8-21-25
Lester C. Grooms – 10-23-25
Howard L. Houston, Jr. – 11-8-25
W. Donald Logan – 9-6-25
Charles L. McCall – 10-22-25
Ralph V. Robinson – 9-20-25
Willis L. Stephens – 7-9-25
Nicholas A. Sutkovich – 9-16-25

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.



**January 21, 2026
March 18, 2026
June 17, 2026
October 21, 2026**

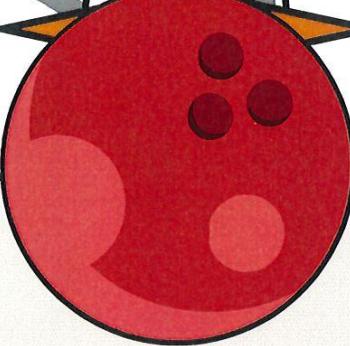


ALLEGIANCE

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



Valley of New Castle
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FAMILY BOWLING PARTY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026

TIME: 1 PM – 3 PM

\$15 Per Person

All you can Eat Pizza and Soft Drinks included

Limited to 100 People.



**Grove City Bowl-O-Drome
540 E. Main Street, Grove City, PA 16127**



Please call or email the Office to RSVP
725-654-5800
secretary033@yahoo.com

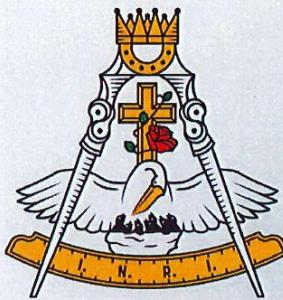
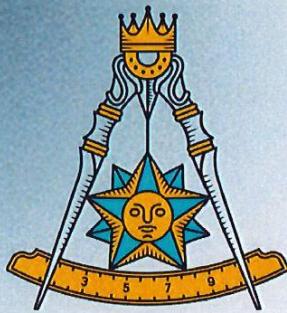
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MARCH 2026

STATED MEETING



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2026 @ 7:30PM
DINNER 6:00-7:00PM

The Election of Officers for The New Castle Lodge of Perfection, New Castle Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix will be held this meeting.

DINNER COST: \$15

**PLEASE RSVP FOR WOMEN'S PROGRAM
AND DINNER WITH THE SECRETARY'S
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STAG FISH FRY 2026

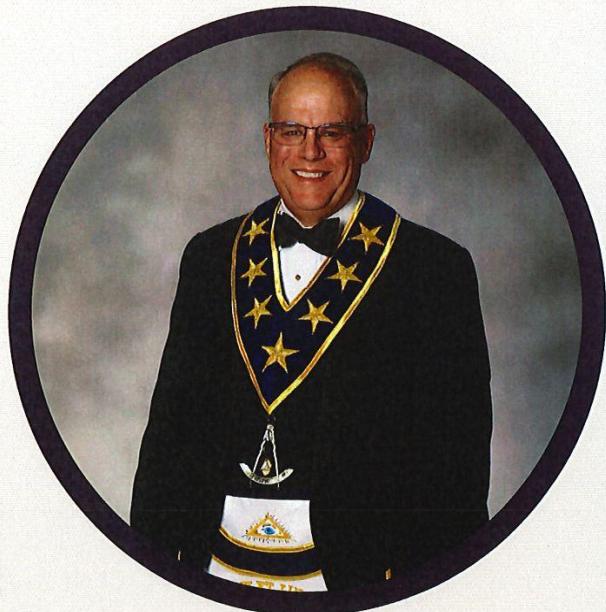
Friday, March 20th, 2026
6:30 PM

Tickets: \$10 per Person

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Deadline for ticket sales is March 13th, 2026

Our Guest Speaker for this event will be PA R.W.P.G.M.
Jeffery M. Wonderling.

Please call the office to purchase tickets for this event.



www.srvnc.org | 724-654-5800



2026 Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Application

Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Applications are now available on line at www.scottishritenmj.org. Go to the Charities tab then click on Leon M. Abbott Scholarship.

Fill out the application in duplicate and mail to the Valley Secretary by March 31, 2026.

Any questions please call the Secretary's Office at 724-654-5800 Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm.

Eligibility: Those meeting any of the following criteria are eligible to apply for the 2026 Abbott Scholarship program:

- A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction who is in good standing.
- A student related (by blood or legal means) to a current or deceased member of the Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A member of a Masonically sponsored youth group located within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (ex - DeMolay International, Job's Daughters, Order of Rainbow for Girls)

To be considered for an Abbott Scholarship, applicants must meet one of the following qualifications (please note that local Valleys may have more strict GPA requirements):

- A high school senior, currently accepted at an accredited trade school who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- A high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited college or university.

Thank You,

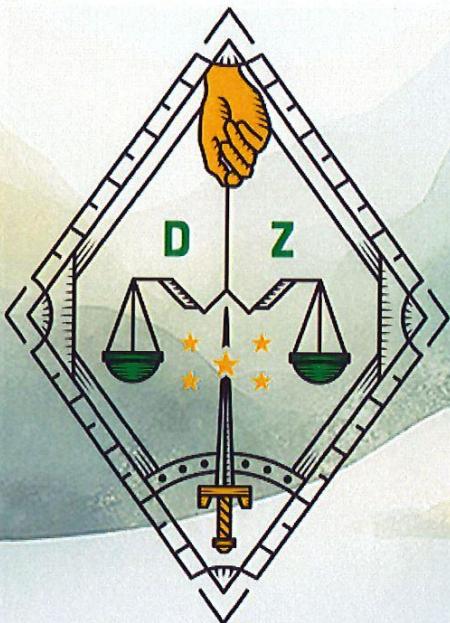
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JUNE 2026
STATED MEETING



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2026 @ 7:30PM
DINNER 6:00-7:00PM**

The New Castle Council of Princes of Jerusalem Officers are presiding over this meeting.

DINNER COST: \$15

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Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events

2026

Jan 1	New Year's Luncheon	Scottish Rite Cathedral	1:00 PM
Jan 7	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
Jan 17	Pancake & Sausage Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	12:00-6:00 PM
Jan 21	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 PM
Feb 4	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
Feb 28	Family Bowling Party	Grove City Bowl-O-Drome	1:00-3:00 PM
March 4	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
March 18	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 PM
March 20	Stag Fish Fry	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 PM
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	Scrapper's Baseball Game	Eastwood Village Field	6:30 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 if you would like to volunteer for a committee. Visit the Valley website: 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.”