



AASR VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE

The Valley Clipper

JULY 2022



New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Starting at 6:30 pm

Hosted by the New Castle Lodge of Perfection

The Evening Will Include:

Music Provided By a DJ

GOOD GERMAN FOOD

COUNTRY STORE – 50/50 RAFFLE – GIFT BASKET AUCTION

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC FAMILY CLOWNS

All for only \$10

Children 5 and under FREE

Tickets are by advance sale only

NO tickets will be sold at the door

Deadline for ticket orders is Saturday, Oct. 1

**Make check payable to AASR, Valley of New Castle
And mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:**

AASR, Valley of New Castle
110 E. Lincoln Ave.
New Castle, PA 16101
Attn: Oktoberfest



Thrice Potent Master - David R. Rivers, 32°



Greetings Brethren,

As a new Masonic year starts, the Valley of New Castle has many events and concerns. The biggest concern that I see is the decline of membership in our Valley. One challenge we all face is how to see that the Consistory continues. Most members are over the age of sixty. We lose more members in a month than we initiate in a year. Addressing this is no simple challenge. Lexington is implementing programs to encourage Blue Lodge members to join Valleys all over the jurisdiction. The fourth degree as-well-as others, except the thirty second degree can be conveyed in the Blue Lodges by the proper Officers from the Consistory. Every member can assist in the recruitment of new members.

I look forward to working with my fellow Officers in the Lodge of Perfection, the Officers of the other bodies and the brethren at large in the Valley of New Castle. Your help is needed to get the message to Blue Lodges that there are more steps to Freemasonry. This year I will make it my top Masonic priority to get that message out. I am anxious to serve this Valley and its members this year.

Fraternally,

David R. Rivers, 32°

Thrice Potent Master - New Castle Lodge of Perfection

Most Wise Master - William E. Ingram, 32°



Brethren,

I would like to thank the Officers and Brothers for the opportunity to serve as the Most Wise Master for this term.

The Chapter of Rose Croix will host the Christmas party in December. If anyone has any ideas, or can help out in any way, please let me or one of the chapter Officers know.

There are numerous activities planned throughout the year. Be sure to check "The Clipper" or our website www.scottishritenewcastlepa.com for the schedule.

I hope to see you there.

Fraternally,

William E. Ingram, 32°

Most Wise Master - New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix

Sovereign Prince - Roger L. Sigworth, 32°



Brethren,

The last couple of years have been very difficult for our Valley. The covid put a crimp on activities that our Officers tried to do. Hopefully this will change.

The new Officers have a full and busy schedule planned. The majority of Valley events are for families and include The boat ride and dinner at Moraine State Park, Oktoberfest, the train ride on the Oil Creek & Titusville railroad and Christmas Party. We also have the Stag Steak Fry coming up in August for our members and a male guest.

These are events open to all brothers and families, except the Stag Steak Fry. Please try to attend these events and meet other brothers and their families. The events are on the back page of "The Clipper."

Sincerely,

Roger L. Sigworth, 32°

Sovereign Prince - New Castle Council, Princes of Jerusalem

Commander-In-Chief - Ill. Donald P. Paul, 33°, MSA

Greetings Brethren,

We are all glad that the cold weather has passed, and with warmer weather here we have many family-friendly events planned for the rest of the year.

Check our "Clipper" and the Valley website, www.scottishritenewcastlepa.com for the list of events.

I'd like to thank everyone for the help with the extra meeting and the Hawaiian Shirt Day, and everyone that attended. Try to make the events and meetings. You can see old friends and meet new ones.

YOU make up the greatest Fraternity in the world!

In closing, I want to wish everyone a safe and healthy Summer.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Ill. Donald P. Paul, 33°, MSA

Commander-in-Chief - New Castle Consistory - Valley of New Castle

Greetings Brethren,

The Executive Committee has determined that there needs to be a change to the By Laws for all four Valley of New Castle Bodies. The proposed changes are listed below for your consideration. These changes will be voted on at the October 19, 2022 Stated Meeting.

Lodge of Perfection:

Article III

Now reads:

Section 5. The first four officers as well as the Treasurer and Secretary of the New Castle Lodge of Perfection 14°, shall be elected. No one shall be elected as a Presiding Officer who has not previously served in one of the first three elected offices of the New Castle Lodge of Perfection 14° unless the Deputy of the State waives such requirement. No member who has reached the age of 75 years may be nominated or elected to any elective office in this body.

To be removed:

No member who has reached the age of 75 years may be nominated or elected to any elective office in this body.

Article V

Now reads:

Section 2. The fees for degrees and membership in this body (4° to 14° inclusive), shall be \$ 50.00 which shall be paid in full before degrees are conferred.

To be Changed to:

Section 2. The fees for degrees and membership in this body (4° to 14° inclusive), shall be \$ 80.00 which shall be paid in full before degrees are conferred.

Article VI

Now reads:

Section 1. The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall be as follows: Degrees and Membership \$ 50.00

To be Changed to:

Section 1. The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall be as follows: Degrees and Membership \$ 80.00

Council Princes of Jerusalem:

Article III

Now reads:

Section 5. The first four officers as well as the Treasurer and Secretary of the New Castle Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16° shall be elected. No one shall be elected as a Presiding Officer who has not previously served in one of the first three elected offices of the New Castle Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16° unless the Deputy of the State waives such requirement. No member who has reached the age of 75 years may be nominated or elected to any elective office in this body.

To be removed:

No member who has reached the age of 75 years may be nominated or elected to any elective office in this body.

Chapter of Rose Croix:

Article III

Now reads:

Section 5. The first four officers as well as the Treasurer and Secretary of the New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° shall be elected. No one shall be elected as a Presiding Officer who has not previously served in one of the first three elected offices of the New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix, 18° unless the Deputy of the State waives such requirement. No member who has reached the age of 75 years may be nominated or elected to any elective office in this body.

To be removed:

No member who has reached the age of 75 years may be nominated or elected to any elective office in this body.

Consistory:

Article III

Now reads:

Section 2. The Board of Trustees will consist of five members, who will be elected to serve a six year term at the biannual election on a staggered term basis: they shall be titled "Trustees of New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite".

To be Changed to:

Section 2. The Board of Trustees will consist of nine members, five who will be elected to serve a six year term at biannual election on a staggered term basis and the four heads of the bodies; they shall be titled "Trustees of New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite".

Now reads:

Section 6. No member shall be elected to the office of Commander in chief, who has not served in one of the first two elected offices of the New Castle Consistory. No member shall be elected Commander in Chief, 1st Lieutenant Commander, or 2nd Lieutenant Commander unless he has served as a Presiding Officer in the New Castle Lodge of Perfection, New Castle Council Princes of Jerusalem, or New Castle Chapter Rose Croix unless the Deputy for the State waives any/all such requirements. The Commander in Chief, 1st lieutenant Commander, 2nd Lieutenant Commander, Treasurer and Secretary must be a member of all four subordinate bodies in the Valley of New Castle. No member shall be nominated or elected to an elective office in the Consistory after having attained his 75th birthday anniversary.

To be removed:

No member shall be nominated or elected to an elective office in the Consistory after having attained his 75th birthday anniversary.

Article VI

Now reads:

Section 1. The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall be as follows: Degrees and Membership \$ 50.00

Changed to:

Section 1. The fees for conferring degrees and membership shall be as follows: Degrees and Membership \$ 70.00

1st Lt. Commander - W. David Hazlet, III, 32°



Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone is getting back to normal, enjoying the Spring weather and is doing well.

It is my pleasure to serve you as 1st Lieutenant and I look forward to seeing all of you at some of our events this year. You will find information on what we have planned for the year and some new plans this year. Come and enjoy the time with your brothers.

We are always looking for ways to get brothers involved, so if you have any ideas please pass them on. Also, bring men you would recommend to our Fraternity.

Enjoy your Summer and I look forward to seeing everybody soon at our many events.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. David Hazlet, III, 32°

1st Lt. Commander - New Castle Consistory-Valley of New Castle

WHAT SHOULD A FAMILY DO WITH THE THIRTY – THIRD DEGREE RING

Art. 1208 3. The Supreme Council shall retain title to the ring as a part of the regalia and insignia of the degree and, when any member upon whose finger the ring has been placed ceases to be in good standing in Symbolic Masonry and in the Scottish Rite, the Supreme Council shall demand its return and shall enforce such demand by appropriate Masonic or legal means.

Upon the death of an Active, Active Emeritus or Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, the Thirtythird Degree ring shall be returned to the Supreme Council, unless the family decides that the ring should be buried with the deceased member or, with the approval of the Sovereign Grand Commander or the Deputy for the State, retained by the family.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER MASONIC REGALIA

If the family is not sure what to do with Masonic Regalia returning it to the appropriate body is a good way to go as the items may be able to be used again.



In Memoriam *Deaths since our last Clipper*



Ill. Karl H. Chandler, III, MSA

Ill. Richard B. Meredith

Bernard L. Baker – 5-9-22

Donald T. Beck – 4-14-22

William H. Conn – 5-6-22

Oris K. George – 3-15-22

John L. Grace – 5-22-22

Joseph R. Gray – 4-30-22

Frederick W. Herzog – 3-28-22

Kenneth A. Jones – 3-22-22

Samuel W. Linton – 4-21-22

Thomas C. Mills – 4-18-22

Anthony J. Mottle – 3-19-22

Stanley E. Pearson – 4-18-22

George L. Rea – 2-27-22

Edward E. Rodgers – 5-1-22

William G. Taylor, Jr. – 3-9-22

Lester E. Vogel – 3-18-22

Robert D. Welch – 3-27-22

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. Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander

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

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.



October 19, 2022

January 18, 2023

March 15, 2023

June 21, 2023



Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ - Valley of New Castle & Valley of Oil City
Summer Picnic and Pontoon Boat Cruises at Moraine State Park

Saturday September 24, 2022 - Starting at 1:00 PM

The Lunch will be Catered By Fairground Market Catering

Lunch cost will be \$ 15.00 Adults and \$ 7.00 Children - 12 & Under

Must be R.S.V.P. - 1ST 100 people - ONLY - Limited to the first 100 guests

The Boat Cruise cost will be \$ 10.00 - Must be R.S.V.P. - ONLY - 1ST 80 people - ONLY

Limited to first 80 guests - Two Boat Cruises at 40 passengers per Cruise



Lunch
Boat Cruises
Raffles
Gift Auctions
DJ Music
Corn Hole Games
Family Fun
Please: R.S.V.P.

A.S.A.P.
724-654-5800



Sing Your Way Through the Degrees!

The Consistory Choir is back, and we need you!



If you sing in a church choir, in a community choir, to the radio in the car, or even in the shower, the Consistory Choir would like you to join us!

Fear not, there is no audition; we only ask that you can sing tunefully!

Our Past Commander-in-Chief Ill. W. Thomas Marlowe, Jr., 33° says this about music, "The choir adds definition to our degrees, as music is a universal language, we all can relate to the stories and enlightenment of those degrees. Music gives these degrees depth and a broader perspective. If the fraternity is about an understanding and civility of our world, certainly music is one of the tenants of that understanding. The 'make a better man' that we like to promote is certainly enhanced by adding music to our understanding of life"

Join us in providing the vocal music that enhances the experience we give to the candidates.

Contact Choir Director Lee Pfeifer at lpfeifer@zoominternet.com or 724-504-6623 for more info.



Valley of New Castle A.A.S.R. Black Cap Participation Program

Brother: _____ 32° Date: _____

1) I am the first line signer for a Scottish Rite Mason:

1	Name:		Date:	
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2) I have attended the following Valley of New Castle Stated Meetings:

	Date:	Event:	Officer Signature:
1			
2			
3			
4			

3) I have participated in the following Valley of New Castle Degrees:

	Date:	Event:	Officer Signature:
1			
2			

4) I have participated in the following Valley of New Castle Events:

	Date:	Event:	Officer Signature:
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

5) I have attended two different Scottish Rite Reunions:

	Date:	NMJ Valley:	Officer Signature:
1			
2			





Hello Brethren,

The Valley of New Castle Consistory would like to start a new program to better contact our members and provide more up to date information on events, degree work, and news. In order to do this, we need to ensure that our records are up to date. Please complete the form below and return it to the Secretaries office either: in person, through mail to 110 E. Lincoln Ave, New Castle, PA 16101, or by email to Secretary033@yahoo.com. Please call 724-654-5800 if you have any questions.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Birthday: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Military Service YES NO

Military Branch: _____

Years of Service: _____

Conflicts: _____

**Please put month, day, year on
years of service.**

Marital Status: _____

Spouses Name: _____

Spouse's Birthday: _____

Anniversary: _____

**Please put month, day, year on
spouse's birthday and your
anniversary.**

Would you like to opt in to email clippers and event notices: YES NO

Curious Corners of the Cathedral



Tucked away in your CATHEDRAL are many out of sight unusual areas. Underneath the East Dining Room there's another level which contains what was designed to be a six lane Duck Pin bowling alley. Duck Pin balls are much smaller than normal balls and had no finger holes. After bowling went out of fashion this area was used as a shooting range for the Boy Scouts. From the holes in the back wall, they definitely needed all the practice they could get. During the Cold War Civil Defense supplies such as Drinking Water, Sanitation Kits, Bedding, Medical Equipment, Beds & Bedding etc. were stored here & also under the porch. Now this space is used for storage of all sorts of paraphernalia.



Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad

Valley of New Castle
**SCOTTISH
RITE™**

RSVP: ONLY - with Payment
724-654-5800 - Office
secretary033@yahoo.com

WHAT: **Fall Foliage - Train Ride**

WHEN: **Saturday October 01, 2022**

TIME: **Train Leaves the Station at Exactly 3:00PM**

Approx. 3 Hour Trip

Be onsite NO LATER THAN 2:15PM

WHERE: **Train Departs From:**
Perry Street Station
409 S Perry Street - Titusville, PA 16354

COST: \$ 10.00 - Adults \$ 5.00 - Children

RENTED CAR HOLDS FIRST 70 PEOPLE ONLY

“The Constans Project”

It's our 2022 Membership Drive

Starting January 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022, we are having a membership drive looking for new candidates for our 2022 Fall Class in the Valley of New Castle.

The person who has the most signed petitions will receive one year paid dues to the Valley of New Castle and \$100.00 cash.

We are asking for your participation in this project so we can see our Valley grow.

Without **YOU**, we would have no fraternity.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your help in this project.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ill. Don Paul, 33°, MSA, Commander-in-Chief



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Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events

Aug 11	Steak Fry	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 pm
Sept 7	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 pm
Sept 24	Family Picnic	Moraine State Park	1:00 pm
Oct 1	Oil Creek Titusville Railroad	Oil Creek/Titusville	3:00 pm
Oct 5	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 pm
Oct 15	Oktoberfest	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 pm
Oct 19	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
Nov 2	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 pm
Nov 5	Fall Reunion	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 am
Nov 12	CIC - Veterans Luncheon	The Venue on Main in Butler	12:00 pm
Dec 2	33°, MSA, VSA Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 pm
Dec 10	Rose Croix Christmas Party	Scottish Rite Cathedral	1:00 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: www.scottishritenewcastlepa.com or 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."