



AASR VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE



The Valley Clipper

April 2024



**New Castle Council Princes of Jerusalem
Twenty First Annual**

Stag Steak Fry

Open to all Masons and Adult Male Guests

**Scottish Rite Cathedral New Castle
110 E. Lincoln Ave, New Castle, PA 16101**

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Doors open at 2:00 PM

Dinner at 2:30 PM

Tickets Just \$25

Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling - 724-654-5800

NO Tickets will be sold after Aug. 2 or at the door.

Commander-in-Chief's Message



Fraternal Greetings Brethren,

What a fantastic year so far at the Valley of New Castle! Lots of new “golden opportunities” to get your passport filled with our accelerated passport program, to see many seldom seen degrees and to help fill your pages. It’s a great way to see old friends and even make new ones, or travel to other Valleys to see degrees.

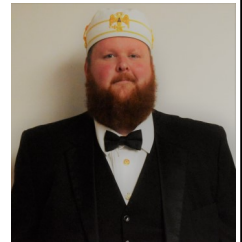
After you fill your gold passport, you earn a pocket jewel. We hope you take advantage of the “golden opportunity” this year.

See you soon at the Valley of New Castle.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

1st Lt. Commander's Message



Brethren,

Hello all! In the last edition of The Valley Clipper, I reminded everyone to take advantage of some of the events offered by the Scottish Rite, that have to do with more of the “Ritualistic” side of things. That stuff doesn’t interest you much? We have you covered there too! You will see many ads in this and upcoming Clippers regarding fun social events.

Your Executive Committee sells raffle tickets multiple times a year to contribute to our Members Activity Fund. What that means to you is, our Commander-in-Chief is organizing many fun activities for you to take advantage of and the Valley subsidizes the cost. Quite a few of them you can bring your family to! A prime example of that is our upcoming Mahoning Valley Scrappers game with ALL YOU CAN EAT seats. Cost to you? NOTHING, Zip, Zilch, Zero! Why not come out, bring a few members of the family, and have some good old-fashioned fun? Even better, bring a son or grandson, show them what our fraternity is about, and maybe they’ll be interested in joining! We love putting on these events, but need YOUR PARTICIPATION to make them a success!

There are many more where that came from, be sure to follow our website and Facebook pages for updates!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

Valley Secretary's Message



Greetings Brethren,

I would like to Thank Everyone who helped to make the **2023-2024 Scottish Rite Fiscal Year** a success. Every Member who came to an Event, Every Member who assisted in an Event, Every Officer who Planned, Coordinated, Ran, and/or Helped with an Event, and Every Member of the Valley of New Castle and The Valley of Oil City who Support the Valley Financially, I understand that some Members cannot make it to the Valley, but you still help to Support your Valley Financially. **THANK YOU ALL!** To all our Members, if you would like to do something to assist in the Valley, besides going to Meetings and Events as a guest, please let us know and we can see where you may best fit.

Just to let you all know, there have been **19 New Members** join our Valley so far this year, **18** from the Valley of New Castle and **1** from the Valley of Oil City and the Valley of New Castle. I will not put down the names to save space and for privacy. This **Scottish Rite Membership Year** runs from **June 16, 2023, until June 15, 2024**, so if you have someone who would like to join the Scottish Rite, please get in contact with me and we will make it as easy as possible to get them Initiated as a New Member of the Valley for the **2023-2024** Scottish Rite Year. It takes **35** New Members to get permission for a **33°** Member and the Valley loses about **3 - 33°** Members per year due to Death. We will be starting a **New Scottish Rite Membership Year** from **June 16, 2024 until June 15, 2025**, so let us keep working to improve the Scottish Rite in general and the Valley of New Castle in particular.

As we approach the start of the **04/01/2024 through 3/31/2025 Scottish Rite Fiscal Year**, we have plenty of Upcoming Events planned for the Valley of New Castle. These are from **April — July** and are as follows:

4/11/2024 - Thursday Night at the rite - Home Viewing	4/18/2024 - 33°, MSA, VSA, Dinner	4/20/2024 - Officer's Training—Scottish Rite Cathedral
4/15/2024 - Thursday Night at the Rite - Home Viewing	5/11/2024 - Hawaiian Shirt Lunch & Degree	6/7/2024 - Mahoning Valley Scrappers Baseball Game
6/19/2024 - Stated Meeting	7/13/2024 - PA Cod Conclave - Valley of Harrisburg.	

This will finish the **2023-2024** Scottish Rite Fiscal Year and the second term of the current Officers, and the **2024-2025 Scottish Rite Fiscal Year** looks to be even busier than last year.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can over the next few years and will continue to serve the Valley of New Castle, its Officers, and its Members. Thank You All,

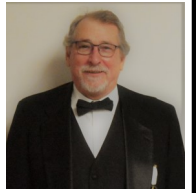
Sincerely and fraternally,

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

Most Wise Master's Message

Brethren,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve as Most Wise Master for the past year. As we move forward, let's congratulate the incoming officers and wish them success in the upcoming year.



I encourage everyone to come out to some of the many events planned by the Valley this year. There are many opportunities to make new friends, and reconnect with some old ones. If you are trying to fill your passport, now is the time. The accelerated degree program is awesome!

I look forward to seeing you in 2024.

I wish everyone all the best!

If I can be of assistance to anyone, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bro. Bruce G. Earhart, 32°, MSA, Most Wise Master - New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix

Sovereign Prince's Message

Brethren,

I would like to thank the Valley of New Castle Consistory for letting me serve as the Sovereign Prince for the past year.



Being humble, meaning - recognizing that we are not on earth to see how important we came become, but to see how much difference we can make in the lives of others. -- Author Unknown.,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ill. Brian G. Butchart, 33°, MSA, Sovereign Prince - New Castle Princes of Jerusalem

Thrice Potent Master's Message

Brethren,

I hope the start of Spring and nicer weather has found you all healthy.

As my year serving the Valley comes to a close, I want to welcome all the new Officers into their new offices.

I urge you all to come out and enjoy the fellowship, our Commander-in-Chief has lots of great events scheduled for the upcoming year, lots of fun things for you and the family.

I hope to see you all soon, and Thank You for letting me serve as your Thrice Potent Master.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bro. Gary E. Bowser, 32° - Thrice Potent Master - New Castle Lodge of Perfection

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. Walter F. Wheeler, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander

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



HAWAIIAN SHIRT DAY

MAY 11, 2024

12:00 NOON

Come to the Scottish Rite Cathedral

Lunch at Noon & Degree Presentations

They will be as follows:

04°, 07°, 10°, 25°, 27°, 30°

THIS IS AN R.S.V.P. ONLY EVENT:

724-654-5800 - secretary033@yahoo.com

Looking Forward to seeing you all there.



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. These Dinners are R.S.V.P. Only

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



June 19, 2024
October 16, 2024
January 15, 2025
March 12, 2025





SAVE THE DATE
JULY 12, 2025



The Valley of New Castle
will host the Annual Meeting of:
The Pennsylvania
Council of Deliberation

If you have never attended the PA COD, or it's been a while, here is your opportunity to attend.

The Meeting will be at the Scottish Rite Cathedral with the Dinner at the Marriott in Cranberry Twp. Ladies are invited and they will have entertainment while the men meet.

The MSA Presentation will be at the dinner.
Keep your eyes open for more information.



SCOTTISH RITE OF NEW CASTLE ALL YOU CAN EAT GROUP OUTING

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 • GATES: 6:00 PM • FIRST PITCH: 7:05 PM

SCOTTISH RITE OF NEW CASTLE WILL BE ATTENDING EASTWOOD FIELD FOR AN ALL YOU CAN EAT EXPERIENCE! CHECK OUT WHAT YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO BELOW!

- ★ ALL YOU CAN EAT WRISTBANDS FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR GROUP TO PRESENT AT THE PICNIC GARDEN AT EASTWOOD FIELD
- ★ PREMIUM BOX SEAT TICKET VOUCHER FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR GROUP
- ★ \$5 LOADED VALUE ON EACH TICKET TO BE USED ON CONCESSIONS OR MERCHANDISE
- ★ 10% OFF ON SCRAPPERS MERCH
- ★ GROUP WELCOME ON THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM & VIDEO BOARD
- ★ ALL GUESTS ENTERED INTO NIGHTLY GROUP SWEEPSTAKES

**ALL YOU CAN EAT MENU INCLUDES:
BURGERS, HOT DOGS, CHICKEN SANDWICHES, NACHOS,
CHIPS & FOUNTAIN DRINKS**



DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, MAY 17.

This event is FREE to all Masons and their Families Courtesy of The Valley of New Castle!

NUMBER OF TICKETS TO RESERVE: _____ (MAX. 8)

Return reservation form to Matt Thompson at 111 Eastwood Mall Blvd. Niles, OH 44446 To order by phone, call 330.505.0000

SCOTTISH RITE OF NEW CASTLE GROUP OUTING

NAME: _____ BLUE LODGE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____



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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

Ill. Earl R. Smith, 33°

Richard K. Acord – 9-5-23

Forrest R. Douglass – 1-6-24

Carl S. Garing – 2-16-24

Keith R. Hittle – 9-25-23

Vaughn R. Long – 12-15-23

J. Blair Simmons, Jr. – 11-26-23

Richard K. Wanner – 2-12-24

Richard K. Criswell – 2-13-24

Richard A. Errett – 8-8-23

Edward D. Gilmore – 1-13-24

Charles N. Hurl – 10-26-23

Condit T. North – 5-23-23

James W. Simpson – 2-3-10

Roland L. Weckerly – 1-16-24

Clarence H. Cyphert – 1-28-24

Charles A. Fry – 1-7-24

Kenneth S. Hendrickson – 7-28-23

Alvin C. Kocher – 2-24-24

Jack H. Patton – 4-20-23

Richard L. Smith – 12-27-23

John P. Wyman, Sr. – 12-3-23



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:	Event:	Officer Signature:
1.)			
2.)			

6.) I have brought at least 1 other member to a Stated Meeting:

1.) Name:		Date:	
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Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events

Apr 3, 2024	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
Apr 18, 2024	33°, MSA, VSA Spring Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 PM
Apr 20, 2024	PA C.O.D. Officer's Training	Scottish Rite Cathedral	8:00 AM
Apr 26, 2024	Ohio Valley Reunion - 4°, 9°, 17°	Valley of Youngstown	7:00 PM
Apr 27, 2024	Ohio Valley Reunion - 18°, 20°, 29°, 32°	Valley of Youngstown	8:30 AM
May 1, 2024	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
May 11, 2024	Hawaiian Shirt Day - 4°, 7°, 10°, 25°, 27°, 30°	Scottish Rite Cathedral	12:00 PM
June 5, 2024	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
June 7, 2024	Scraper Game	Niles, Ohio	6:00 PM
June 19, 2024	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 PM
July 13, 2024	PA C.O.D.	Valley of Harrisburg	8:00 AM
Aug 10, 2024	Stag Steak Fry	Scottish Rite Cathedral	2:00 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 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."