



AASR VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE

The Valley Clipper

October 2023



Oktoberfest

Valley of New Castle
**SCOTTISH
RITE™**

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Starting at **6:30 PM**

Hosted by the Valley of New Castle Lodge of Perfection

The Evening will include: Good Food

Bratwurst, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes,
Pierogies, Mac & Cheese, Buns, Dessert & Drinks

Music Provided by a DJ

50/50 Raffle - Gift Basket Auction

All for only \$ 10.00 - Children 5 and under are FREE

Beer & Wine Tasting in a separate area for an additional fee

Tickets are by **Advance Sale Only** - No at Door Sales

R.S.V.P. ONLY - 724-654-5800

Deadline for ticket orders is on **Saturday, October 12, 2023**

Make Checks payable to: AASR Valley of New Castle



AASR Valley of New Castle
110 E Lincoln Ave
New Castle, PA 16101-2472
Attn: Oktoberfest
724-654-5800



Commander-in-Chief's Message



Greetings Brethren,

With the end of the year winding down, there are many exciting activities yet to come! Please try to take some time to visit our Valley, or an event. You will see old friends and make new ones.

We are actively seeking new members to join the greatest Fraternity in the world. If you know someone wanting to join, contact me or the Valley Office.

You all are Ambassadors for our Fraternity. Let's keep our Valley moving forward together!

If you need help or assistance, call me 724-290-7317 or Valley Office at 724-654-5800.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

1st Lt. Commander's Message

Brethren,

Hello all! I hope this message finds you well! I wanted to cover a couple of quick things. First off, we need you (I'm sure that Uncle Sam message resonates with a lot of you!), we need you to help promote our Valley. We're doing a lot of great things here and we need you to help us promote this to members and non-members alike! We all know that getting new members is important, but just as important is getting our more tenured members re-engaged! Everyone sees something different in our great Fraternity and our Commander-in-Chief is doing a great job touching on all of those things.

So, if its Philanthropy you're interested in, come help us at one of our fund raisers we're doing to help the community. If its history and tradition of Masonry, take advantage of the C-i-C's "Accelerated Passport Program", get in, witness all the degrees you can to get your passport filled and earn yourself a "Gold Passport"! If its Family activities, we have that covered too, with many of our family outings (Train Ride, Scrappers Game just to name a couple). All of these activities are offered to you at a VERY economical rate because the Valley helps subsidize these costs with our activities fund (another great benefit to membership). Take a look through your Clipper to see the upcoming events and keep an eye on our social media for further 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 take this opportunity to reflect on some conversations I have had over this year with some of you. I asked Brethren to attend meetings & events at the Valley, and I get resistance from Brethren who, rightfully so, say "the people I used to come to meeting & events with have passed away or can no longer come to the Valley of New Castle". I understand, but think back to when you first started in your Lodge or in the Valley of New Castle, did you know very many people then? But you still went to meetings & events because you had the desire to be a Masonic Member. I asked you to please try to tap into that desire to be an active Brother again. The protocol for meetings is very easy, and it is virtually impossible to be embarrassed by. All you need to do is follow along with your Brethren. There is no protocol for events other than to be Masonic, and that is no problem for our members. The purpose of Membership in a Masonic Body is to be among like minded and like valued men like yourself. As you come back to the Valley and your Lodge, you will get to meet new men who have your same values and philosophies, and your circle of influence will become bigger. I know change is difficult and it is always easy to stay in a safe place, but that is not always good for you and is definitely not good for our fraternity. We need you more than you realize, your knowledge and history are vital to the future of the fraternity and freemasonry in general. Who knows which person you will motivate to become a better Man and a better Mason. A society with no sense of history and gratitude is destined to fail, you are needed now more than ever to help right the ship of life in the world. Like a drop of water in a pool, you never know where the ripples from the drop will go. Over the next year, I ask you to please come out and spend a few hours with your fellow Brethren, for you, as well as for us.

Welcome from the Valley of New Castle Brethren, and if you need anything please contact me at the Secretary's Office at 724-654-5800 or secretary033@yahoo.com or Cell at 724-822-4660 or atak4k0282@gmail.com.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

Most Wise Master's Message

Brethren,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer.

As we move into Fall, I hope that you will join us at some of the exciting and fun events the Valley has planned. The Officers have worked hard to find and create activities for fun and fellowship. It's great to see brethren and their families coming together and reconnecting. For our Fraternity to continue to flourish, we need to meet together.

That having been said, I hope to see everyone in the upcoming months.

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

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

Sovereign Prince's Message

Brethren,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable Summer. Now it's time to get back to our Fall activities. First, I want to "Thank" everyone that came to our Annual Steak Fry, and to everyone that helped out to make this another successful Steak Fry. Well, as we all know nobody's perfect! *we all make mistakes *we all say the wrong things *we all sometimes do the wrong things *we stumble and fall *be we pick ourselves up *we learn from our mistakes *hopefully grow from our mistakes. We move forward and keep our heads up and live our lives everyday and apply the principles we are taught in our Fraternity.

With that being said, always look for opportunities to help one another.

Hope to see everyone soon!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

Thrice Potent Master's Message

Brethren,

With Summer coming to an end and Fall beginning, I hope to see you all at the upcoming Oktoberfest. There will be a few changes this year at the Oktoberfest that I hope everyone enjoys.

Please plan on attending the various activities the Valley has planned. Come out and enjoy the fellowship with friends and maybe make new friends.

Let's keep the momentum going in our Valley.

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

NEW HOURS

Starting September 4, 2023 the Secretary's Office has new hours!!

The new hours are MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 AM - 2:30 pm.

The Office will be closed on Saturday and Sunday.



Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad

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RSVP: ONLY - With Payment

724-654-5800 - Office

secretary033@yahoo.com

WHAT: *Fall Foliage - Train Ride & Picnic*

WHEN: *Saturday October 07, 2023*

TIME: *Shelter Open 11:00AM*

Lunch about 12:00PM

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

***R.S.V.P. Only - Must do both Picnic & Train to Go on the
Train Ride - NO TRAIN ONLY TICKETS***

RENTED CAR HOLDS FIRST 70 PEOPLE ONLY

80 Person Limit for Picnic

10 - Picnic Only Tickets OK after Train Fills

WHERE: *Picnic and Train Departure are at:*

Drake Well Museum & Park

202 Museum Ln Titusville, PA 16354

DIFFERENT LOCATION THAN LAST YEAR!!

COST: \$ 25.00 - Adults \$ 12.50 - Children

We are currently taking donations towards the cost of a new projection screen in the auditorium. This screen will be used during the Reunions and Cathedral events.

The new screen dimensions are 20 x 40 and the cost will be \$28,000.



This is the previous projection screen that is unusable.

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Commander in Chief's
Veterans Luncheon



Location - The Venue on Main
152 North Main Street Butler, PA
Sunday November 05, 2023
at 2:00 PM - COST IS: FREE
Open to the First 50 RSVP'S ONLY

RSVP to:

724-654-5800 or secretary033@yahoo.com



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Brethren You Are Invited to Valley of New Castle's Fall Reunion

Saturday November 18, 2023

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
Wednesday November 15, 2023 - Initiation Fee is \$ 200.00**

The Degrees Presented will be as Follows:

04° - Live Cast, 06° - Digital, 14° - Live Cast

18° - Live Cast, 19° - Live Cast, 32° - Mixed - Live & Digital

An After Glow Dinner will be From: 6 PM - To: 9 PM

RSVP - ONLY Ticket - Purchase Before Wednesday - 11/15/2023

At: Gallo's Italian Villa

2420 Wilmington Rd New Castle, PA 16105

Candidates and their Guests are FREE

Members and their Guests are \$ 20.00 Per Person

A Cash Bar will be available for those who wish

Mark Your Calendars!!!



The Valley of New Castle will be going back to Oglebay for the Festival of Lights Tour.

Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm departure time

Sites: Touring Oglebay Mansion, Glass Works Show, Dinner Show in Wilson Lodge and finishing with Oglebay Festival of Lights.

Cost: Once the price is worked out we will send out an e-mail blast on the cost.

Any questions/concerns contact Rob Cummings 724-456-6945 or email at robcum@zoominternet.net.



CELEBRATE!!!!

The 100th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Cathedral!



We are requesting any input or ideas to help make this celebration a success.

Please contact Tom Marlowe (724-452-4547) or email wmrpj5@yahoo.com

With any questions or if you can help out in any way.

It would be greatly appreciated.

The Celebration is on or around June 10th or 14th of 2025.

Other Committee Members are:

Gene Snyder, Coy Price, Terry Steinheiser

Thank You.

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.

III. James M. Kunselman – 6-8-23

Ralph A. Acker – 11-3-22

Richard M. Bortz – 8-19-22

Clark L. Gordon – 6-22-23

Walter C. Kaltenbach, Jr. – 7-28-23

Vernon K. McAninch – 1-1-23

Kenneth R. Rieger – 3-26-21

Max M. Snyder – 8-31-19

Robert L. Weldon – 5-30-23

Julius O. Bihler, Jr. – 5-12-22

Robert J. Cavanaugh – 7-20-23

Troy D. Hughes – 8-4-23

Raymond R. Kehr – 6-13-23

Ronald L. Reitz – 6-12-23

Chester I. Russell – 7-30-23

Edward L. Stultz – 2-13-17

Daniel L. Bish – 7-13-23

Robert L. Creighton – 6-3-23

Gary L. Hunter – 7-19-23

Dennis P. Main – 7-29-23

Jeffrey L. Rickard – 8-9-23

Joseph A. Sham – 3-6-23

Terry I Varraux – 2-26-21

Cathedral News



Phantom of the Opera

Movie & Organ Concert

ft. David Wickerham on the organ

Date: Friday, October 27, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Tickets: <https://cathedraltickets.ludus.com>

Cost: Advanced—\$15

At the Door—\$20

Student—\$10

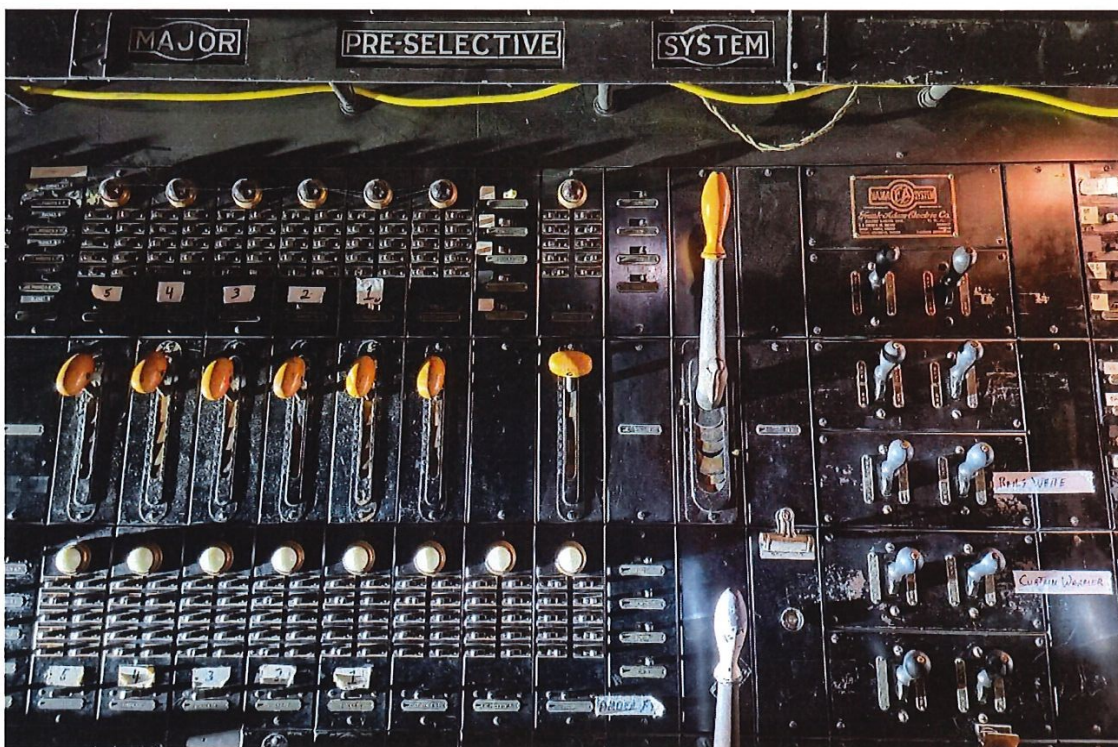
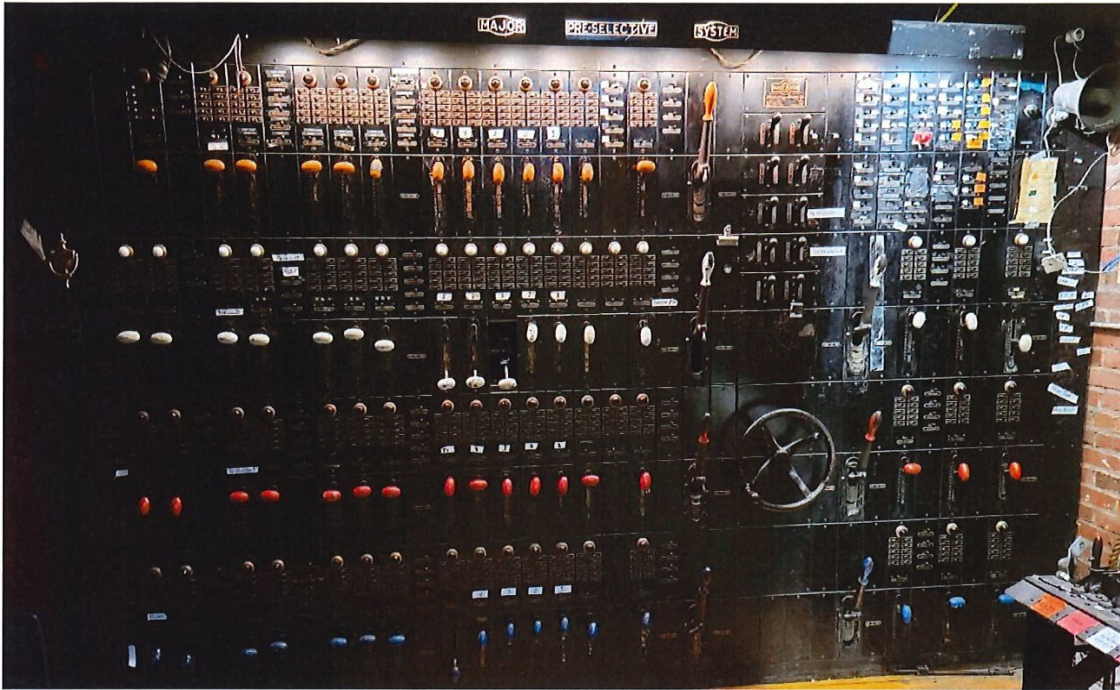


Choir News

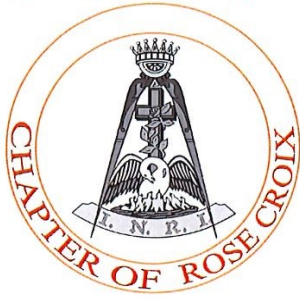
We are currently looking for a Choir Director. If you are interested in this position, please contact Rob Cummings @ 724-456-6945 or robcum@zoominternet.net.

Thank you,

Curious Corners of the Cathedral



Our Backstage Lightboard contains +/- 843 switches controlling lights not only on stage but also for the Auditorium, Lobby & several other areas. Lights may either be turned on individually or by utilizing our MAJOR PRE-SELECT SYSTEM where one switch can turn on up to 64 lights. Dimmer knobs allow for separate lights to be lowered or an entire row of Border or Foot Lights.



Chapter of Rose Croix Family Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2023

LUNCH: 1:00 - 3:00 PM - SANTA - COUNTRY STORE

NEW CASTLE SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL - NEW CASTLE, PA

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT, AS SEATING WILL BE ASSIGNED.
IF YOU HAVE A GROUP OF FRIENDS THAT YOU WISH TO BE SEATED WITH,
PLEASE MAKE THAT KNOWN WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **December 2, 2023**

Reservations for Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2023

Number of Adults: (13 and over are considered Adults)

Male _____ Female _____ @ \$25/MEAL = \$ _____

Children 12 and under: _____ @ FREE/MEAL = _____

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING _____ TOTAL \$ _____

PRINT YOUR NAME _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Please list name and age of each child 12 and under to receive gift!!

<i>Boys Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Girls Name</i>	<i>Age</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____

Make Check Payable to: A.A.S.R.

Mail to: AASR, Valley of New Castle, 110 East Lincoln Avenue, New Castle, PA 16101

Attn: Christmas Party



ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES & SAUSAGE



**Buttermilk Pancakes, Buckwheat Pancakes,
Whole Hog Sausage, Drinks**

**Saturday, January 20, 2024
12-6 pm – Take Out Available**

New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral

Proceeds to benefit the

**Children's Dyslexia Center of Western PA
&**

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.***

To:

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



Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
Valley of New Castle
110 E. Lincoln Ave
New Castle, PA 16101-2472

Phone: 724-654-5800
Email: secretary033@yahoo.com
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****Starting January 01, 2024 - There will be No More Clipper Newsletter Mailings****

They will be distributed electronically for those who wish to receive them.

Please contact the Valley Office at 724-654-5800 to discuss this New Policy if it creates a problem for you.

This one business decision will save the Valley over \$ 12,000.00 per year.

Thank You for your attention to this matter.

Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events

Oct 07	Oil Creek/Drake Well Picnic	Titusville Pennsylvania	11:00 AM
Oct 21	Oktoberfest	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 PM
Oct 27	Phantom of the Opera	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
Nov 04	Uniontown LOP Reunion Bus Trip	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 AM
Nov 05	Veteran's Luncheon	The Venue on Main, Butler	2:00 PM
Nov 18	Fall Reunion	Scottish Rite Cathedral	8:00 AM
Dec 1	33°, MSA, VSA Christmas Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 PM
Dec 2	Learning Center Craft Show	Scottish Rite Cathedral	10:00 AM
Dec 6	Oglebay Bus Trip	Scottish Rite Cathedral Departure	1:00 PM
Dec 9	Family Christmas Party	Scottish Rite Cathedral	1:00 PM
Jan 20, 2024	Pancake & Sausage Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	12:00 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."**