



AASR VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE

# The Valley Clipper

JANUARY 2023



## ANNUAL STAG FISH FRY

Friday, March 10, 2023 at 6:30pm

**Great Entertainment with Guest Speaker  
Thomas White – Author/Historian  
“Legends and Lore of Pennsylvania”**

**Fantastic Fish Sandwiches, THE BEST Fellowship!!**

**EVERYONE - MEMBER & NON-MEMBER NEEDS A TICKET**

**\$5 For All Members**

**\$10 for Non-Members**

**Bring non-member guest with a signed petition and they get in free.**  
*Bring a Blue Lodge Brother that is not a Scottish Rite Member or bring a friend so  
they can enjoy the fellowship of Scottish Rite Freemasonry.*

**Questions Call: 724-654-5800**

**Deadline for Tickets: Friday, March 3, 2023**

**By Mailing a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope With Your Check**

**Payable to:**

**A.A.S.R.**

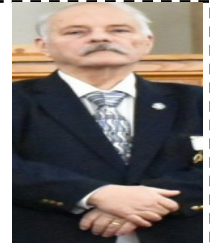
**TO: Valley of New Castle**

**110 East Lincoln Avenue**

**New Castle, PA 16101**

**Attn: Fish Fry**

## Thrice Potent Master - David R. Rivers, 32°



Greetings Brethren,

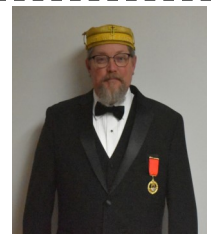
I would like to express my appreciation for all the people who attended the Oktoberfest. More especially, the ones who were active in the work or making it happen. There was a cast of many and to avoid missing anyone who helped, I won't attempt to name them. They are the heart and soul of this organization and are appreciated.

Even with the holidays approaching and some meetings being suspended, we need to keep up the good work of attracting new members. We had a nice class for the Fall Reunion, but we cannot let up on our efforts to help our organization grow. Consider this an admonition to reach out to fellow masons who may not be Scottish Rite members and let them know what a fulfilling calling it is to be a member. Let them know what activities are available to members and the services our organization offers to our communities.

Fraternally,

**David R. Rivers, 32°**  
**Thrice Potent Master - New Castle Lodge of Perfection**

## Most Wise Master - William E. Ingram, 32°, MSA



Brethren,

With a busy and rewarding year ending, I'm looking forward to the New Year and all of the activities planned.

It is said that you get out of it what you put into it. That is definitely a true statement. It is great to see the new and familiar faces at our functions. Everyone is pitching in to help where it's needed.

I would like to welcome all our new member from our Fall Reunion.

Brothers Rob and Mike gave a tour of the Consistory to some of the members after the Reunion. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

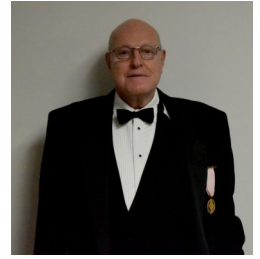
I would like to thank all of the Officers and members who helped out and attended our yearly functions. Everyone working together helped make it a successful year.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and I wish everyone a Happy and prosperous New Year!!

Fraternally,

**William E. Ingram, 32°, MSA**  
**Most Wise Master - New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix**

## Sovereign Prince - Roger L. Sigworth, 32°



Brethren,

Here we are at the end of another year. Where does time go?

This past year has been a good year for the Valley. The Commander-In-Chief has had many activities for the Valley.

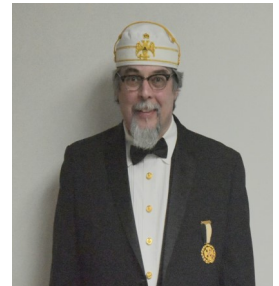
On top of my list for activities is the programs for the ladies during our regular meetings. We have more ladies coming to dinner before the meeting just to enjoy the programs afterwards.

Let's continue to support the activities for the Valley and make **2023** even better than last year.

Sincerely,

**Roger L. Sigworth, 32°**  
**Sovereign Prince - New Castle Council, Princes of Jerusalem**

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



Greetings Brethren,

Now that the Holidays have passed, we will be getting busy with the New Year. Many New activities and events are planned for our Valley, to continue with the family oriented fun and fellowship.

We keep moving forward with all the good things the Valley of New Castle has to offer for its members.

The Class Reunion was very successful, and we hope to have another well attended one this year with many new members. Now is the time to ask a friend in the Blue Lodge to join.

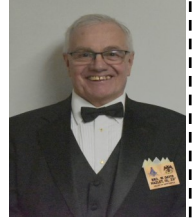
If any of you need help or assistance, please call me at **724-290-7317** or the Secretary at **724-654-5800**.

Try to stop out and see us for a meeting or activity. You'll see old friends and make new ones.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

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



Greetings Brethren,

The Officers of the Valley of New Castle would like to ask that you keep Brother W. David Hazlet, III, and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he is dealing with some unexpected health issues at this time.

If you would like to send Brother Hazlet get well wishes, please send them to W. David Hazlet, III, 131 Hazlet Rd, West Sunbury, PA 16061-1709.

The Officers of the Valley of New Castle wish Brother Hazlet a speedy recovery.



## Family Bowling Day



**Time: Noon - 2:00 pm**

**When: Saturday, February 25, 2023**

**Where: Ten Pin Alley - Hermitage**

**Cost: \$17.95/person**

**Includes: 2 hour bowling, shoe rental, bumpers if needed, pizza, soft drinks, free \$10 arcade gift card, favors for every guest.**

**Hope to see you there for bowling fun and fellowship.**

**RSVP to the Secretary's Office @ 724-654-5800. LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE.**

## 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

## Secretary—Ill. Randall L. Connell, 33°



Greeting Brethren,

As we approach the end of the **04/01/2022** through **03/31/2023** Scottish Rite Year, we only have a few more Events planned for the Valley of New Castle. They are as follows:

**01/18/2023** - Stated Meeting

**01/21/2023** - Pancake & Sausage Dinner

**02/25/2023** - Family Bowling Night

**03/10/2023** - Stag Fish Fry

**03/15/2023** - Stated Meeting - Election of Officers for the Lodge of Perfection, Council Princes of Jerusalem and Chapter of Rose Croix lines - No Consistory Elections this year.

**03/25/2023** - Vesper Service and Ham Luncheon

This will finish the **2022-2023** Scottish Rite Year and the first term of the current Officers, and the **2023-2024** Scottish Rite Year looks to be even busier than the previous year.

This has been a very exciting year for the Valley of New Castle. Coming of the COVID-19 shutdowns, the Valley has come back to life with many new and family friendly events. We have seen the members' participation numbers growing and hope to continue this growth for the foreseeable future. THANK YOU to all of the Brethren and their families that have come out in support of the Valley this past year. We are looking forward to many more events for our next Scottish Rite Year from **04/01/2023** through **03/31/2024**.

As we approach the 100TH Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Building in New Castle, PA in **2025**, we are confronted with many challenges for the next 100 years. Masonic numbers have declined over the last couple of decades in the United States, But there has never been a greater need for the Masons and our Scottish Rite Core Values than Right Now. With the societal changes going on right now and the total lack of Truth, Honesty, and Character, in today's society, there has never been a more important calling for our Core Values of Integrity, Justice, Service to Humanity, Tolerance, Devotion to Country and Reverence for God. Help us promote these values as our past Brothers have done over the past centuries. Live these values to the best of your ability every day and be a leader in your life, family, and community for others to follow, not just another person who feels like it's too difficult, or someone else will probably do it for me. Remember, if not YOU, THEN WHO?

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,

**Ill. Randall L. Connell, 33°**  
Secretary  
Valley of New Castle

### Vesper Service & Ham Luncheon

**When: Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**Time: 10:30 am for Vesper Service 12 noon for lunch**

**Where: Scottish Rite Cathedral**

### 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.



If anyone is interested in volunteering to help out our bingo crew, please let the Secretary's Office know at **724-654-5800** or **secretary033@yahoo.com**. You may also contact the Cathedral Coordinator Dawn Piroli at **724-654-6683 Opt 1**.

Any help is greatly appreciated. If you know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering their time please let them know who to contact.

Thanks You,

Bingo Crew

# VETERANS

## PLEASE READ THIS

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

SUPREME COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL VETERANS REGISTER WITH THEIR VALLEY'S VETERAN'S COMMITTEE SO THAT WE KNOW WHO OUR VETERANS ARE. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW (IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO) AND RETURN IT TO:

**Valley of New Castle**

**110 E Lincoln Ave**

**New Castle, PA 16101**

**Attn: Valley Veteran Committee**

**Name in Full:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Branch of Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Served from/to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Discharge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Which Conflict or Peace Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Distinguished Honors:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Comments:**





## *In Memoriam* *Deaths since our last Clipper*



Ill. Glenn L. Farren – 11-12-22

Mirko Arbutina – 10-9-22

Raymond H. Dewey – 10-1-22

C. Crawford Garvin – 10-1-22

Harold J. Heffner, Jr. – 7-25-22

Edward R. Rohrmann, Jr. – 10-12-22

William M. Pflueger – 3-6-22

Alan L. Tompkins – 11-3-22

Robert E. Carbaugh, Jr. – 8-27-22

J. William Edwards – 11-9-22

James H. Hales, Jr. – 11-14-22

Sherell L. Hindman – 9-2-22

John E. Miles – 10-2-22

William J. Szuch – 10-28-22

Robert D. Welch – 3-27-22

David L. Coyle – 10-23-22

Richard J. Fair, Sr. – 9-13-22

Henry E. Hardin – 9-23-22

Richard T. McRoberts – 9-18-22

Charles G. Minnicks – 1-25-22

John H. Takash – 9-12-22

Dick E. Wilt – 8-2-22

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.**



**January 18, 2023**

**March 15, 2023**

**June 21, 2023**

**October 18, 2023**





# High Twelve International



## New Castle Club No. 767

The New Castle High Twelve Club meets at the Valley of New Castle, Scottish Rite Cathedral on the first Wednesday of each month (no meetings in July or December) at noon.

### OFFICERS:

President.....	Bro. Jonathan Whittaker
First Vice President.....	Bro. Floyd Montgomery
Second Vice President.....	Bro. Howard Matthews
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Bro. James Houston

### Mission Statement and General Objectives

- to unite Masons in the happy bond of a fraternal hour and inculcate the ideals taught in masonry.
- to encourage and inspire Masons to follow these ideals, in their everyday activities, in their communities, and for the broader purpose of preserving those principles through the encouragement and support of education for our youth and of government based on the rights of the individual.
- to support and cooperate with all recognized Masonic ground lodges and all other Masonic bodies, with this declaration of principle: **that we speak and act only as individuals and never for the institution of masonry.**

If interested in seeing what High Twelve is all about, please contact James Houston,  
[jnjfarms1@verizon.net](mailto:jnjfarms1@verizon.net)

## **NEW MEMBERS**

By the time you read this the Fall Reunion is over, and from 11/08/2021 through 12/31/2022, we have added 24 new Members to the Valley of New Castle. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to the Valley, they are as follows:

**Bro. Paul F. Adams**

**Bro. Robert Eric Allison**

**Bro. Samuel S. Anderson**

**Bro. Shane E. Back**

**Bro. Andrew C. Caldwell**

**Bro. William W. Caldwell**

**Bro. Shawn H. Carney**

**Bro. Kevin R. Chaff**

**Bro. Erik P. Greenert**

**Bro. Elijah T. Grochalski**

**Bro. Sean M. Hess**

**Bro. Cody L. Hilliard**

**Bro. Jeffrey D. Kroner**

**Bro. Michael R. Mason**

**Bro. Russell R. Mason**

**Bro. Cody D. Michael**

**Bro. Dante A. Moore**

**Bro. Jayson A. Reppard**

**Bro. John M. Simon**

**Bro. Andrew C. Stoops**

**Bro. Austin N. Stoops**

**Bro. Jeremy R. Szczygiel**

**Bro. Ernest J. Wise**

All from the Valley of New Castle

**Bro. Thomas F. Hartle**

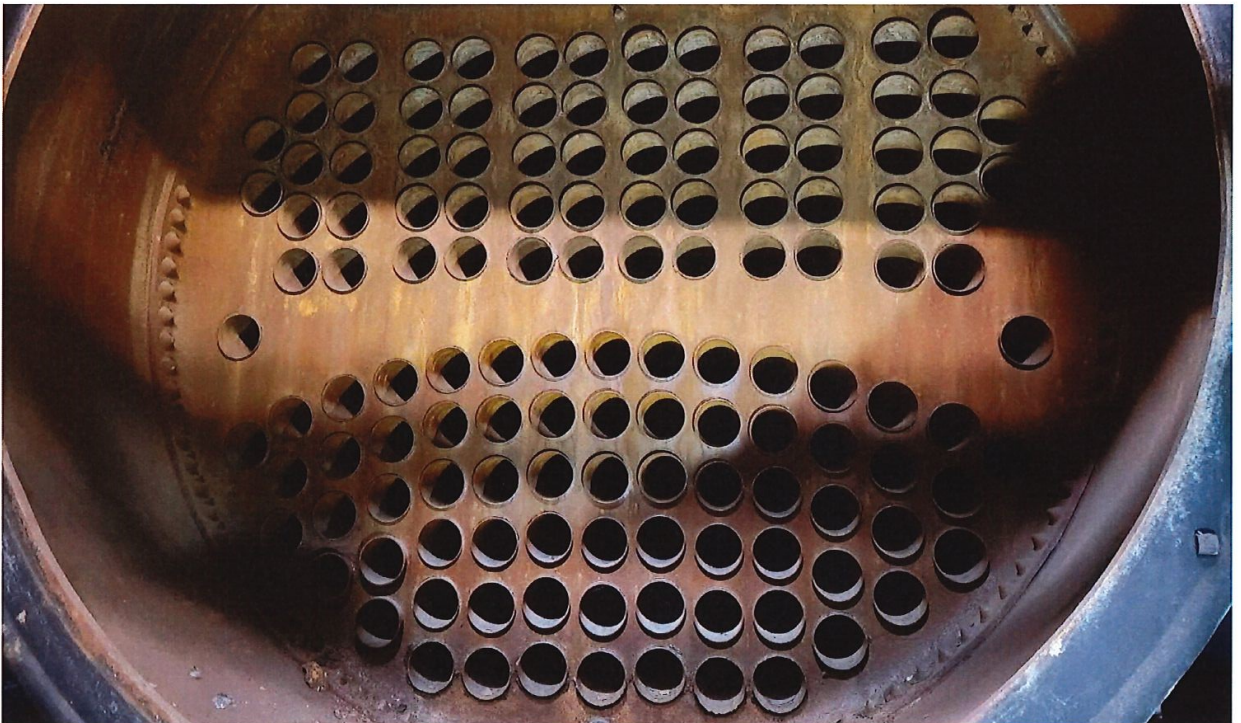
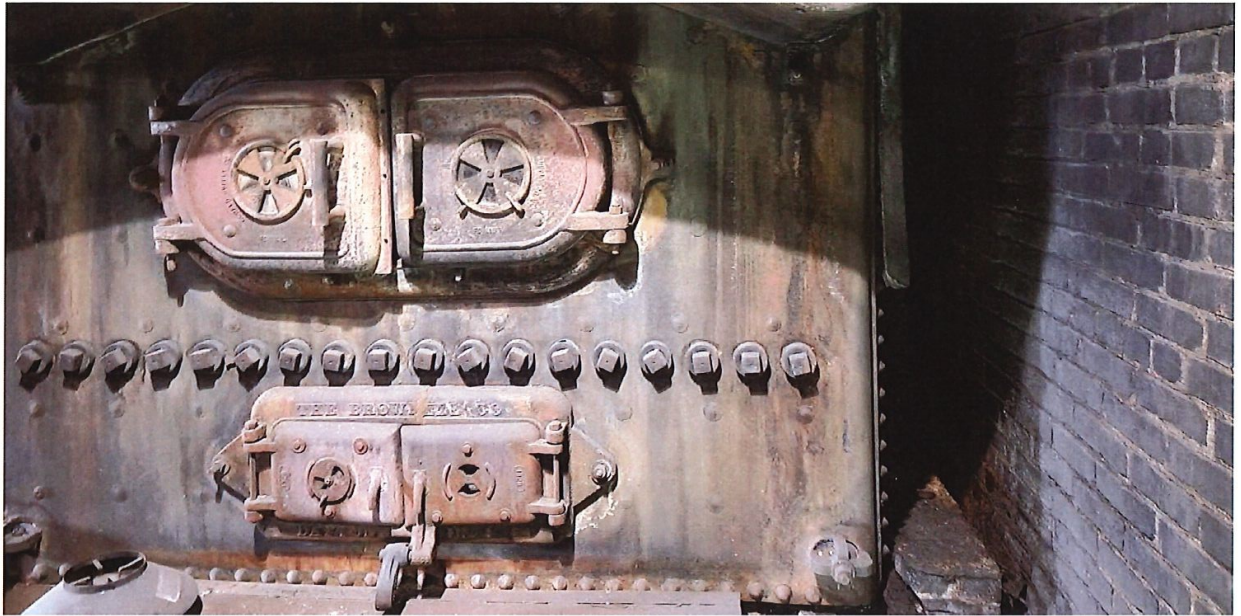
From the Valley of Oil City, PA and  
the Valley of New Castle

Welcome to 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](mailto:secretary033@yahoo.com) or Cell at 724-822-4660 or [atak4k0282@gmail.com](mailto:atak4k0282@gmail.com).

If I missed anyone, please let me know and I apologize and will put you in the next Clipper.



## *Curious Corners of the Cathedral*



Original 1924 Kewanee Boiler still sits in boiler room ground level of our Cathedral. Similar to coal fired steam locomotive boilers this unit has now been replaced with a natural gas unit utilizing radiator heating throughout your building.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite  
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New Castle, PA 16101

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### *Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events*

Jan 18	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
Jan 21	Pancake & Sausage Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	12-6 pm
Feb 1	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 pm
Feb 25	Family Bowling Day	Ten Pin Alley - Hermitage	12:00 pm
Mar 1	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 pm
Mar 10	Fish Fry	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 pm
Mar 15	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
Mar 25	Vesper Svc & Luncheon	Scottish Rite Cathedral	10:30 am
Apr 5	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 pm
Apr 20	33° Spring Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:00 pm
May 3	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 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](mailto:secretary033@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer for a committee. Visit the valley website: [www.scottishritenewcastlepa.com](http://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."