



AASR VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE

# The Valley Clipper

JULY 2023



VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE  
ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE  
**BROTHERHOOD, BEER &  
BULL**



**SATURDAY, JULY 15TH, 2023 3:00PM-?**

New Castle Eintracht Picnic Grounds  
586 McKee Crossing Rd, New Castle, PA 16105

**RSVP LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 PEOPLE**

Food will be provided: BBQ chicken and the fixins.  
Special presentation on Cigars

**BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOL AND CIGARS**

**PLEASE RSVP WITH THE SECRETARY'S  
OFFICE AT 724-654-5800**



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## Commander-in-Chief's Message



Greetings Brethren,

Finally the nice weather is here!!

Many thanks to all for making this year start off with great successful events and lots of fun. We are continually moving forward with lots of opportunities to fill your passport and to have fun at family and member events. Try to visit the Consistory for a meeting or come to an event. You can see old friends or make new ones.

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

Check out our new Facebook page if you can. Our staff is working hard for you and our Fraternity.

Sincerely,

**Don Paul, 33°, MSA**  
New Castle Commander-in-Chief

## 1st Lt. Commander's Message

Brethren,

I hope everyone has a nice and relaxing summer. It's always nice to have a little time off, recharge our batteries and come back ready to go.

I encourage everyone to check out our social media (Facebook and Instagram), and our website to stay up-to-date on all the happenings here in your Scottish Rite Valley. We'd love to have you come out and join us at one of our MANY events. If you haven't been here in awhile, you really need to do yourself a favor and check us out.

The Commander-in-Chief has so many events planned for us, you won't believe it! We're having many family events as well as meetings showcasing our amazing degrees, so you have a chance to fill your passports!

Again, have a wonderful summer and come back and get involved again with us here in New Castle!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

## Valley Secretary's Message



Greetings Brethren,

I would like to thank everyone who has helped the Valley over the 2022-2023 Scottish Rite Year and also the many volunteers who have approached the Valley Office to help with things for the 2023-2024 Scottish Rite Year. Without your help, things would be much harder to get accomplished. I want to lay out the Events that have already happened and the ones that are scheduled to happen over the next few months. On April 01, 2023, the New Officers hit the ground running, first up was the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation Officer's Training Seminar. On May 06, 2023, was the Supreme Council Ambassador's Training Seminar, both of which focused on Leadership and Communication for all who attended these events. Next was our offsite Spring Reunion in Butler, PA where The Valley took in 2 New Members and advanced 7 current Members for a total of 9 New 32° Masons. There were also 26 - 32° and 33° Members who reviewed the Degrees Presented and the lessons for their own individual self-improvement. All Valley Events are R.S.V.P. Only Events, so Call The Office to get Registered or Better Yet don't wait for a Deadline and Register Early for the Events. The Valley also has Two New Ways to access information for the Members. First, is a new shortened web address. Just go to [www.srvnc.org](http://www.srvnc.org) to get to the website, and we have a New QR Code to get to a place to access several different websites.

To All of our New Members, **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](mailto:secretary033@yahoo.com) or Cell at 724-822-4660 or [atak4k0282@gmail.com](mailto:atak4k0282@gmail.com).

Thank You All,



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

## *Most Wise Master's Message*

Brethren,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Most Wise Master for the ensuing year.

I would also like to congratulate the outgoing Officers on a successful year and providing the groundwork for all of us to carry these successes into the future. There are many fun activities planned for all in the upcoming months. I hope to see you at some of them. If you plan on attending any future events, please invite a Brother so they can join in the fun and fellowship.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

## *Sovereign Prince's Message*

Brethren,

The Annual Steak Fry is August 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm. It will be held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Hope to see you all there.

Remember: Leadership is not about being the best. Leadership is about making everyone else better.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

## *Thrice Potent Master's Message*

Brethren,

I'm Gary Bowser, Thrice Potent Master, and I hope everyone has had time to enjoy the new Spring Weather.

The Valley has many events coming this summer, and I hope to see you all at some of them. Our Commander-in-Chief has a wide variety of great events, including the Oktoberfest, (save the date!), so grab the family and enjoy the Brotherhood.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

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

### *Cathedral News*

*Coming this October, there will be a Phantom of the Opera Organ Concert and Zelianople Railroad Club's Model Train Exhibit.*

*Keep an eye out for future information regarding this event, in the October Clipper or on our website under events. [www.cathedralnewcastle.com](http://www.cathedralnewcastle.com).*

*Thank You.*



# ***Foxburg Boat Tour***

*On the Allegheny River*

**Saturday July 29, 2023**

**Tour Schedule:**

10:00AM to 11:00 AM      11:00AM - 12:00 PM  
2:00PM to 3:00PM      3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Hosted by the

**Valley of New Castle Scottish Rite**

**724-654-5800**

**secretary033@yahoo.com**

***The 4 Boat Tours are One Hour Each as listed above.***

**TICKET COST: \$ 17.50 per person, per tour and are on a First Called First Served basis - Call the Number Above to Register.**

**Deadline to Register is July 26, 2023 or Once the Boats are Full**

**Boat Holds 13 People per Tour plus the Crew**

**Parking in the Parking Lot off of Main Street - Foxburg, PA 16036**

There are many things to do in Foxburg, PA and all of the activities other than the Boat Tour are done at **Your Own Expense.**

**Options (Below).**

**Here are some of the attractions:**

*Allegheny Grille - Bar & Restaurant*

*Allegheny River Stone for the Arts*

*Bicycle Tours*

*Divani Chocolate*

*Foxburg Golf & Country Club*

*Foxburg Inn (Lodging)*

*Foxburg Pizza*

*Foxburg Wine Cellars*

*Segway Tours*





*New Castle Council Princes of Jerusalem*  
*Twentieth 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

**Thursday, August 10, 2023**

**Dinner at 6:30 pm**

*Tickets Just \$25*

**Tickets must be purchased in advance.**  
**NO tickets will be sold after Aug. 5 or at the door.**



# Bratwurst & Brotherhood

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**September 23, 2023**

**From 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

**Eat at Noon - Cost is Free**

**Meal is R.S.V.P. Only - NO R.S.V.P. - NO MEAL**

**R.S.V.P. Deadline - On or Before September 20, 2023**

**Dress Code is casual, Dockers and Polo, No Suits**

**Menu includes: Bratwurst, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, Pierogies,  
German Chocolate Cake, and Drinks.**

**Degree Presentation will be:**

**4° Digital, 9° Live Radio, 24° Digital, 31° Digital**

**This event will be at the Scottish Rite Cathedral**

**110 E Lincoln Avenue New Castle, PA 16101-2472**

**[www.srvnc.org](http://www.srvnc.org)**

**R.S.V.P. to:**

**724-654-5800 - or - [secretary033@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary033@yahoo.com)**



# 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**

# 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, Cake & 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 with 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**  
**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: 12:30 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Jack E. Albright – 2-28-23  
J. Ernest Bernice, MSA – 3-14-23  
Robert W. Figuly, Sr. – 3-26-23  
Robert E. Hoffman – 2-6-23  
Harry G. Norton, Jr. – 3-26-23  
Walter O. Stiffey – 9-22-22

Mark W. Anderson – 5-12-23  
Russell J. Bryan – 4-15-23  
O.K. Gilliland – 1-31-23  
Ronald E. Kerr – 3-20-23  
Robert E. Nunamaker – 2-3-23  
Sean L. Wike – 2-27-23

Ronald L. Ashbaugh – 4-8-23  
William F. Drake, III. – 2-28-23  
R. Joseph Haberen, Jr. – 1-25-23  
Floyd C. Matthews – 5-25-23  
John M. Schultz, Sr. – 5-5-23  
William G. Zahniser - 4-26-23

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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***

July 15	Brotherhood, Beer & Bull	Eintracht Picnic Grounds	03:00 PM
July 29	Foxburg River Cruise	Foxburg Pennsylvania	10:00 AM
Aug 02	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	07:00 PM
Aug 10	Stag Steak Fry	Scottish Rite Cathedral	06:30 PM
Sept 23	Brats & Brotherhood	Scottish Rite Cathedral	11:30 AM
Oct 07	Oil Creek/Titusville Railroad	Titusville Pennsylvania	11:00 AM
Oct 21	Oktoberfest	Scottish Rite Cathedral	06:30 PM
Nov 04	Uniontown LOP Reunion Bus Trip	Scottish Rite Cathedral	07:00 AM
Nov 05	Veteran's Luncheon	The Venue on Main, Butler	02:00 PM
Nov 18	Fall Reunion	Scottish Rite Cathedral	08:00 AM

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](http://www.srvnc.org) for more details & the most up-to-date schedule of events.

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"Helping Good Men to Become Better Men."