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AASR, VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE

# The Valley Clipper



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**Saturday, January 21, 2017**

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New Castle, PA 16101



## *Thrice Potent Master's Message*

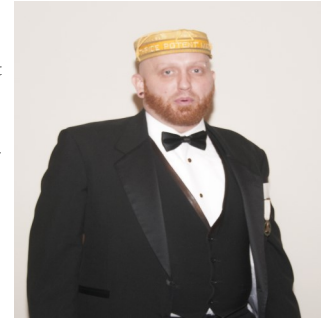
My Brothers,

The first thing I would like to say, is thank you for all the help you gave me for the Oktoberfest. Without all your help, it wouldn't have been so successful.

As my term comes to an end, I want to also thank those who supported me as Thrice Potent Master this year. Without it I wouldn't have been able to pull through.

Fraternally,

Bro. Charles D. Heemer, 32°, Thrice Potent Master



## *Sovereign Prince's Message*

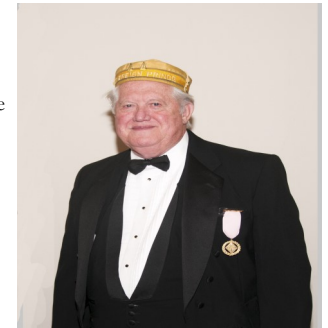
Brethren,

A warm and hearty welcome to our new members from the October 29th Conferral. We welcome all members to our meetings and gatherings. Come out and enjoy the fellowship with one another. As we are winding down in the calendar year, remember we will have some more fun events to attend. I feel that we get much more out of Masonry than we can ever put into it.

From the Valley of New Castle Council Princes of Jerusalem; we wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Fraternally,

Bro. Robert J. Murdoch, 32°, Sovereign Prince



## *Most Wise Master's Message*

Brethren,

I would like to take this moment to thank everyone who participated in the One Day Masonic Journey on October 29, 2016. It was such a wonderful site to see our auditorium so full of newly raised brothers and so many others supporting their journey.

I hope to see everyone that is free on December 10th at the Valley's Christmas Party. It's promised to be a great time.

I want to extend very warm wishes for a happy Holiday Season. Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Merry Christmas, and a Wonderful New Year.

Fraternally,

Bro. Cory W. Mason, Most Wise Master



## *Commander-In-Chief's Message*

Fraternal Greetings Brethren,

WOW— What a large class the Valley of New Castle had on Oct. 29, 2016. The class had 204 new members. I personally would like to give a hearty "Thank You" to each and everyone that turned in their petitions to make the All Scottish Rite Day a huge success.

I would like to welcome all new members into our fraternity. This is your valley. With that being said, please take advantage of as many activities as you are able to. There are a lot of upcoming events planned for the Valley. They are outlined in this edition of the Valley Clipper.

Lori and I would like to wish each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Don't forget to spend time with friends and family, because we can't get the time back.

As always, if you need the assistance of the Valley—please contact the Secretary.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jeffrey P. Jackson

Commander-In-Chief



Brethren,

Have you moved recently? It's that time of year again when some of our members have moved north for the summer and others are downsizing. We try to stay on top of address changes, but sometimes we do not find out until after we get a return from the post office. Please try to keep the Valley office updated. If you are going south for the winter, and moving back home in spring, the office can put both your summer & winter address in the membership system so you can receive the Valley Clipper and any other correspondence from the Valley.

Over the last couple of years, the Almoner's committee have been trying to contact everyone by phone and/or by e-mail. Unfortunately, we have discovered that MOST of the phone numbers and e-mail addresses we have are no longer in service. If you would e-mail or mail the Valley Office with your correct phone number and/or e-mail, we will be able to contact you in the future. We will not give your information out, nor will we call you to solicit. We hope to start wishing you a Happy Birthday. **Please send an e-mail to me at the following: [secretary033@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary033@yahoo.com) with this information, or use the form on the back of this Clipper. Be sure to include your old address as well. Thank you.**

**CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTER  
OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
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**Upcoming Fundraising Events:**

**Holiday Craft & Vendor Show: Saturday, December 3, 2016; 9am-3pm**

**Pancake Supper: Saturday, January 21, 2017: 3-7pm**

**Save the Date: Friday, March 17, 2017**

**"Get Your Green On" at the Lucky Leprechaun Wine & Purse Bash**

**ATTENTION!!!!!!!!!!**

Our new email is **[secretary033@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary033@yahoo.com)**. Please start using this email when communicating with the Valley Secretary. Also make sure to accept incoming emails from this email address to ensure you get the latest information.

Please make sure we have your current email address to ensure you receive all emails from the Valley Secretary.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

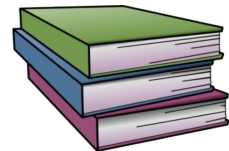
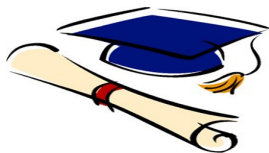
Named for Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921 to 1932, the scholarship program provides financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from the Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$3 million has been awarded to students from each state of the Northern Jurisdiction.

**Eligibility:** Those meeting any of the following criteria are eligible to apply for the 2017 Abbott Scholarship Program:

- A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
- A child of a Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, who is a high school senior or currently enrolled at an accredited college or university, who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- A member of DeMolay, Rainbow or Job's Daughters in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction who is a high school senior or currently enrolled at an accredited college or university, who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Applicants should complete 2 copies of the form and mail to the Valley Secretary. Applicants should submit their applications to the Valley providing for their eligibility. Deadline for submission is close of business April 1, 2017.

The application form is available from the Supreme Council website under membership downloads at: [www.scottishritenmj.org](http://www.scottishritenmj.org).



## STATED MEETINGS-EAST LODGE ROOM 7:30 PM



JANUARY 20, 2017  
MARCH 16, 2017  
JUNE 21, 2017  
OCTOBER 18, 2017



## Letter from the Secretary

I would like to start my message by saying Thank You to all the Military Veterans that are members of the Scottish Rite Legion of Honor and the Scottish Rite, NMJ.

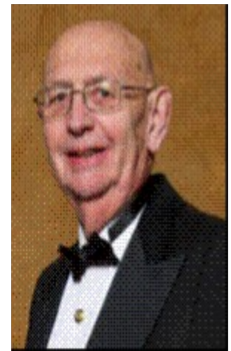
We need to honor our Veterans all year, but especially in November. As the United States Government, has set aside November 11, each year as Veterans Day. This is a time to honor the men and women who have served in the military to protect our freedom-but such "honoring" should be an ongoing activity. "We, as a country, would not enjoy the freedoms we have today if it were not for our brave military members. As Americans, we owe our Veterans a debt of gratitude which cannot be paid in mere dollars and cents: we owe them our respect and thanks, for their service to our country." Thank You my Brothers.

I would also like to say THANK YOU to all that help to make the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania One Day Masonic Event, on October 29, 2016 a great success. Across the state of Pennsylvania, we have 1,537, new Scottish Rite Masons. The Valley of Pittsburgh led the way with 316 followed by Harrisburg with 249, in third place the Valley of New Castle. We had 204, and the Valley Oil City had 50 new members. To get these numbers we all had to work very hard. Again, I say Thank You for a job well done, My Brothers.

Judi and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and joys New Year. May you enjoy time with family and friends this holiday season.

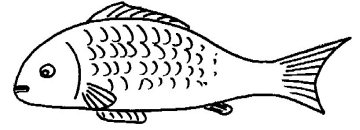
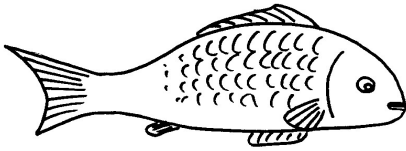
Sincerely and fraternally,

Ill. Howard E. Glovier, 33°, MSA Secretary  
110 E. Lincoln Ave.  
New Castle, PA 16101  
724-654-5800

**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. John William McNaughton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander  
Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania



**Annual Stag Fish Fry**  
**Friday, March 3, 2017, at 6:30 pm**

Great Entertainment with Guest Speaker

John L. Haigh, Sr.

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Fantastic Fish Sandwiches,

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**Free For All Members**

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**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.**

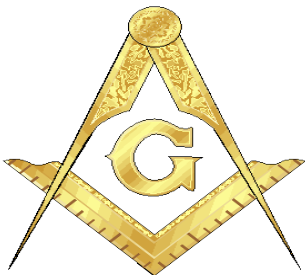
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 Attn: Fish Fry



Reservations for Fish Fry  
 Friday, March 3, 2017

\_\_\_\_\_ Members

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-members \$6

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Summoned to Join the Grand Architect of the Universe*

The following Brethren were reported deceased since our last Clipper.

Solemn strikes the fun'ral 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 fun'ral 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.

Robert V. Baird	James E. Rodgers, Jr.	Ralph E. Kilgore	Ronald D. Perry
Joseph T. Burns	John D. Schmelzer	Charles T. Krepps, Jr.	Dean C. Rickard
Frank D. Comer, Jr.	Theodore F. Serjak	Richard G. Laube	
Donald E. Harrison	George E. Spithaler	William E. Martin	
David S. Hedglin	Paul E. Stump	Ralph C. Packard	



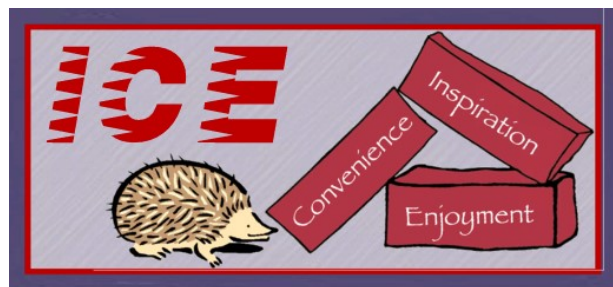
## **The Officers and Members of the Valley of New Castle would like to welcome the new members from the One Day Masonic Journey, October 29, 2016.**

Albert Anthony Abramovic	Russell Paul D'Antoni	Kevin Andy Gudyk	George Henry McIntire	Bryan David Sack
Daniel Kelly Agnew	Vincent D'Antoni	John Michael Gutermuth	Matthew Richard McKelvey	John Edward Sauer
Walter Francisco Aguirre	William Glenn Davis	Jeffrey Darren Hall	William George McLallen	Travis Joseph Schiffer
Cameron Richard Alexander	Jeff Lynn Day	Kim Lee Hamilton	Robert Emmett McMahon, III	James Richard Shaw
Eric Adam Anderson	Ronald Paul Day, Sr.	Brandon James Hanna	Richard Allen McNany	Edward James Shearer
Mark William Anderson	Eruin Thomas Deal, Jr.	Christopher Michael Hartman	Scott Wellington McNeil	Thomas Paul Sherman
James Wilbert Backstrom	Joseph John DeAngelis	Douglas Ray Hayes	David Eric Mendenhall	Kurtis John Shingledecker
Stephen Louis Badamo	Vincent Andrew DeStefano	Brian Keith Heffern	Jefferson Scott Mendenhall	Alan H. Smallwood
Richard John Ball, Jr.	Jerry Ray Ditzenberger	Scott Dale Heffern	Leslie Eugene Mendenhall	Michael Thomas Smith
Dennis James Bartley	Paul Mark Dodds	Gerry Lee Henwood	Thomas Arthur Mendenhall	Neil Winston Smith
William Wilson Bean	Thomas Patrick Donaldson	William Ronald Henwood	Ryan Alan Mergl	Samuel Ernest Sopher
Brian Scott Benson	Oliver Seidel Dorer	Timothy Francis Hicks	Ricky Lee Miller	Thomas Sprague
Neal Brinker Bishop	Michael Clair Dulaney	William Milton Hockenberry	Vincent Paul Mirabella, II	Eric Ryan Steffey
Christopher Robert Black	Michael Robert Dye	William Donavin Hockenberry	Clyde William Miranda	Frederick Arthur Stephens
Brian Richard Booher	Jacob Reid Elder	James Howard Houston	Brandon Robert Moon	David Wayne Stevens
Wesley Ray Bortmas	Ilan Thomas Elliott	Roy Rafael Huffman	Eric Franklin Moore	John Lewis Stevenson, III
John Henry Broad	Ryan Edward Enscoe	Troy David Hughes	Terence Lee Moore	Larry Lee Stewart
Curtis Scott Brown	Francis Patrick Evans	Michael Paul James	Anthony John Morgan	Richard Anthony Stitt
Ronald John Brown	Tony Joseph Exposito	Leslie Van Judd	Robert Dennis Murphy	Keith Raymond Stoughton
Arthur Lee Brunst	Thomas Matthew Extein	Joseph Anthony Katavitch	Heath Collin Edmund Nagle	Erik Alden Sundling
Jeremy Jeremiah Brunst	Mitchell Augustine Fabry	Donald Mark Keene	Alfred Louis Nannini	Isaac Monroe Sutley
Douglas John Brutout, Jr.	David Paul Fabry	Dean Allen Kennedy	Kevin Paul Neff, Jr.	Christopher David Takock
Garrett James Burd	Anthony Domenic Fatta	Anthony Eugene King	Noah Joseph Neigh	Glenn Roy Terwilliger
Glenn William Burd	Stephen Fecik	Brian J. Kiser	Steven David Nevel, Sr.	Terry Lee Terwilliger
Michael William Burley	Douglas Scott Fezell	Karl Raymond Kiser	Nicholas John Nickleach	Ryan Christian Thomas
William Michael Calhoun	Douglas Kile Fischer	Paul Howard Kiser	David Francis Noroski	Arthur Ray Van Tassel
Korry Joseph Callihan	Barry Lee Fitzgerald	Floyd Brian Kish	Louis Martin Offerman	Charles Raymond Wallace
Andrew David Calve	Jack Stephen Flinchbaugh	William Carlylse Knight	Ransom Charles Ohle	Richard Carlylse Vogan
William Matthew Calvin	David Clinton Freed	Cliff Ray Koloski	Joseph Albert Ondrako	Michael Rayburn Walker
Juan L. Caraballo Torres	Edward Lewis Fry	David Michael Krayesky	Daniel Weeks Paine	Charles Raymond Wallace
Edward William Carter	Danny Clair Funkhouser	Dennis Eric Kumer	Kevin Mark Painter	Peter John Wasko, Jr.
Cody Dan Celestin	Adam Keith Gadsby	Randy Allen Lambright	Christ Gregory Pappas	David Earl Welter
James Devon Clark	Robert Martin Galina	David John Lapikas	Anthony Samuel Paris	Doyle Allison Wherry
Thomas Reid Clay	Steven Alfred Garcia	Gregg Alan Lautenschlager	Bruce Wayne Patrick	Russell Eugene Whitmore
William Furness Clayton	Douglas Joseph Gates	Laurence Stephen Lehere	Cody Wayne Patrick	Michael Lloyd Wiggin
Robert LeRoy Cole	Robert Dean Geer	Larry John Lippert	Thomas Charles Patton	Sean Lawrence Wike
Michael James Conoran	Benjamin Anthony George	Todd Stewart Logan	Andrew Logan Patton, II	Richard James Williams
Ross Daniel Conrad	James Joseph Gibson	Steven Frederick Lubinski	Jeffery Vincent Pennewell	Charles Reid Wilson
Charles Paul Cook	Larry Gene Giles	Arnold Lee Marino	John LaVerne Penrod	Paul Jason Winters
Jeffrey Dane Cooper	Grant Bailey Gilhousen	Sean Albert Maust	Craig Steven Pensy	Robert Paul Wolf
Joshua Adam Cooper	Curtis John Greene	Aaron James Maxwell	Seth Karac Perry	Andrew Shane Yeamans
Chester W. Coulter	Darin Bruce Greenlee	Larry Edward McAdams	Frank John Plonka, Jr.	Kenneth Raymond Zwick
Christopher Clair Covert	Paul Bevan Griffiths, III	Troy David McClain	Clifford Allan Poff	
Ryan Robert Crissman	Donald Jacob Grimm	Charles Aaron McDaniel	Todd Alan Pohuski	



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## *Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events*

December 3	Craft Show	Scottish Rite Cathedral	9 am—3 pm
January 16	Pancake Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	3 pm—7 pm
January 20	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
March 3	Fish Fry	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 pm
March 16	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
March 17	Get Your Green On	Scottish Rite Cathedral	TBA
April 1	Spring Reunion	Scottish Rite Cathedral	TBA

We need your help with various committees to make the above-listed events possible. Contact the Valley office at 724-654-5800 or by e-mailing the [secretary033@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary033@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer for a committee.

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