

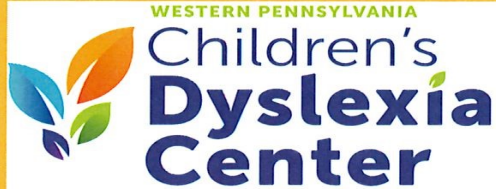


AASR VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE



The Valley Clipper

January 2024



ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES & SAUSAGE

Buttermilk Pancakes, Buckwheat Pancakes, Sausage & Drinks

Saturday, January 20, 2024

12-6 PM - Take Out Available

New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral

Proceeds benefit:

Children's Dyslexia Center of Western Pennsylvania
& Scottish Rite Activities Fund

ADULTS \$ 10 - CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$ 5

Questions? Call 724-654-5800



Tickets Available In Advance:

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To:

Valley of New Castle
110 E Lincoln Ave
New Castle, PA 16101-2472



Commander-in-Chief's Message



Greetings Brethren,

I hope this year finds everyone well. With the holidays behind us, we are starting a new year filled with activities and events for everyone. I would like to address the subject, that we all need to get the word out for the Valley's events and activities. Most events at the Valley of New Castle are family friendly with the exception of a few stag events., at little or no cost to the members. Over the last 2 years we are averaging 2.5 percent or less of our members attending events, with the exception of the Pancake and Sausage Dinner. With 2,000 plus members, that is not good attendance. Lots of planning and preparations go into the events, but the word is not getting out to the members. With all the social media and cell phones today, makes you wonder how they got such large crowds at events before all this modern technology.

Be your own ambassador for the Scottish Rite - Our Fraternity has so much to offer with the value added membership that is family friendly. Get the word out to let your Blue Lodge or friends know of our activities so they, along with you, can get more involved at the Valley. The fraternity depends on you. You can make the difference. If you have any new ideas for events or activities, please contact me@ 724-290-7317.

Thank you for your support of our Valley and our great fraternity.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

1st Lt. Commander's Message



Brethren,

Hello all! We at your Valley hope this message finds you well.

This is a gentle reminder to take advantage of some of the new programs launched by The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite and the Valley of New Castle in particular. For instance, did you know you can watch some select degrees from the comfort of your own home? This along with our Commander-in-Chief's "Accelerated Passport Program" provides ample opportunity to get your passport filled! For more information go to: <https://tnr.scottishritenmj.org/>.

Here is the schedule for season 5 of Thursday Nite at the Rite:

Feb 1st - 8th Degree Feb 15th - 18th Degree Feb 29th - 10th Degree March 14th - 16th Degree March 28th - 14th Degree

April 11th - 20th Degree April 25th - 19th Degree.

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 time with you to discuss some thing that I believe to be important in life:

First, I wish all of you the best of health, for you cannot take care of anything or anyone else, if you cannot take care of yourself first. Please take every opportunity to improve yourself, physically as well as mentally.

Second, I hope you believe as I do, the children of this world are the most important thing there is, they are the ones who will carry on after our passing (posterity), and they need to have a strong foundation in what is just and good. Think of them as trees of the future and help them develop strong roots.

Third, I believe that it our duty and responsibility to educate and lead the followers in the world. The followers are going to follow someone, shouldn't that be someone of strong moral character? That should be you as a good Man and a good Mason. If you are not a good Man and a good Mason, you should think about changing that. We can ALL be better.

Fourth, do not forget humility, no one is ever right all of the rime, reflect on decisions that you must make and do not be afraid to change them if you need to. Thomas Paine once wrote "He who dares not to offend cannot be honest". Remember to hold to the truth of mathematics, science, biology, and a belief in something great than yourself.

Fifth, be a decision maker, in most cases making a bad decision can be amended with a better decision, but making no decision gets nothing accomplished or moved forward. Take time and contemplate your decisions, ask others for guidance, but move forward, it may be what leads to a better decision and a better outcome for all. Do not sit on the bench in life, get up and play.

I hope every has a Happy and Healthy New Year, and decides to get up and to participate in the game we call LIFE!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

Most Wise Master's Message

Brethren,

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!! I hope you took the time and spent it with family and friends. Stay safe.

As we look forward to the New Year, I hope you can come out and enjoy the fellowship and good times with your Scottish Rite Brethren of the Valley of New Castle. There are many exciting events planned for the upcoming months. The only thing that could make these events better is you being here.

I wish everyone all the best in the New Year!!

If I can be of assistance to anyone, please feel free to contact me @ 724-321-3684.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Sovereign Prince's Message

Brethren,

Hope you had a great holiday season, and took some time with loved ones.

Time is like a river. You can't touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of your life!

As we get back to the activities, hope to see you soon at the Valley. Remember to always check the Clipper for events.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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



Thrice Potent Master's Message

Brethren,

Hello brethren, hope all are doing well. It's been a great year as Thrice Potent Master.

Our Commander-in-Chief has had many great programs, and outings this past summer, and has many more to come. Hope to see you all at the events yet to come.

Hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday season.

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



BOWLING • RESTAURANT & BAR • ARCADE • VR ARENA

INDOOR RECREATION & EVENTS CENTER

AASR Family Bowling Party

February 10, 2024

Bowling Time: 11:00PM - 1:00PM

The Valley of New Castle has Reserved

10 Lanes with 5 people per lane

(Limited to the First 50 People)

Strike Zone Party Package - \$ 20.00 per person

Package Includes:

*2 Hours Unlimited Bowling, Shoe Rental, Bumper Bowling, Pizza,
Soft Drinks, \$ 10 Arcade Card*

Call: 724-654-5800 - To Register

Or email: secretary033@yahoo.com

WELCOME TO 10 PIN ALLEY

Bowling, Arcade, VR, Food & More!

10 Pin Alley

3825 E State St

Hermitage, PA 16148



ANNUAL STAG FISH FRY

Friday, March 15, 2024, at 6:30pm

Guest Speaker - Historian William "Bill" May on the History of McConnell's Mill
The story of a Civil War Captain and a Freed Slave that created one of
Pennsylvania's most beautiful State Parks

Fantastic Fish - Dinner or Sandwich, The Best Fellowship!!

\$5 For All Members & \$10 for Non-Members

EVERYONE - MEMBER & NON-MEMBER NEEDS A TICKET

Bring a Non-Member Guest with a Signed & Paid Petition and You Both Get in for 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 8, 2024

By Mailing a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope With Your Check

Payable to:

A.A.S.R.

Send To:

Valley of New Castle
110 East Lincoln Avenue
New Castle, PA 16101
Attn: Fish Fry



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.



By the time you read this The Fall Reunion is over, and from 11/21/2022 through 12/19/2023, we have added 22 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. John H. Bradel III

Bro. John B. Campbell

Bro. Joseph W. Cochran

Bro. Shane V. Fabian

Bro. Matthew D. Gilliland

Bro. David A Hollis

Bro. Jonathan J. Jackson, III.

Bro. Matthew A. Kurtas

Bro. Trent J. McCullough

Bro. Kenneth M. McHattie

Bro. Daniel W. McHattie

Bro. Barry L. Miller

Bro. Robert A. Morris

Bro. Mark G. Nemenz

Bro. Joseph M. Nocera

Bro. Michael A. Panza

Bro., Robert L. Ramp

Bro. Darryl E. Ruby

Bro. Cory C. Sapp

Bro. Carl J. Wagner

Bro. Joshua P. Wiant

All from the Valley of New Castle

Bro. Robert E. Reed

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

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 or Cell at 724-822-4660 or atak4k0282@gmail.com.

If I missed anyone, please let me know and I apologize.

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.

Ill. Kenneth W. Shiderly, Sr., 33° - 9-12-23

Jerry L. Ansinger – 9-9-23

Richard E. Buckley – 10-7-23

Stevan Drobac, Jr. – 10-1-23

Kenneth L. Goodrick – 8-26-23

Leroy A. Kerr – 4-14-23

James E. Maybee – 11-24-22

S. Darl Morrison – 2-26-23

Scott E. Palmer – 10-10-23

Wilbur G. Scott – 11-22-23

Russell E. Snyder – 9-2-23

Douglas T. Billig – 1-4-23

Paul W. Campbell – 11-9-23

Harry M. Elder, Sr. – 8-3-23

Edward C. Glenz – 9-3-23

Ronald D. Kiser – 9-14-23

Paul R. McKissick – 10-2-23

Edward A. Musser – 11-9-23

Ralph D. Rice – 12-18-22

Lee M. Silverman – 11-21-23

Jacob H. Streit – 9-17-23

Ralph D. Brown – 10-27-23

Donald W. Custer – 11-15-23

Donald E. Fisher, Jr. – 11-7-23

Charles M. Harbison, Jr. – 9-6-23

John H. Leslie – 9-25-23

James E. Monson – 10-20-23

Harry C. Palmer, Jr. – 10-24-23

Bradley L. Robertson – 11-2-23

Ronald E. Sipes – 9-27-23

Harold G. Weeter – 9-7-23

~In Memorium~

The Valley of New Castle would like to thank Roberta Elder for the donation recently made in memory of her dearly departed husband's name.....

Harry M. Elder, Sr.

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 17, 2024

March 20, 2024

June 19, 2024

October 16, 2024



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Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events

Jan 3, 2024	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
Jan 17, 2024	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 PM
Jan 20, 2024	Pancake & Sausage Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	12:00 PM
Feb 7, 2024	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
Feb 10, 2024	Family Fun Day	Hermitage, PA	11:00 - 1:00 PM
Mar 6, 2024	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
Mar 15, 2024	Stag Fish Fry	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 PM
Mar 20, 2024	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 PM
Apr 3, 2024	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
April 13, 2024	Extra Meeting	TBA	12:30 PM
Apr 18, 2024	33°, MSA, VSA Spring Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 PM
May 1, 2024	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
May 11, 2024	Hawaiian Shirt Day	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.”