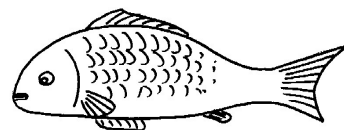
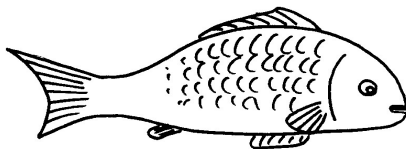


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# The Valley Clipper



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Friday, March 3, 2017

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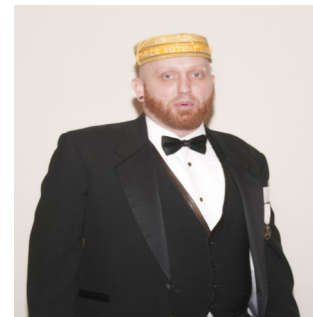
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## *Thrice Potent Master's Message*

Fraternally,

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



## *Sovereign Prince's Message*

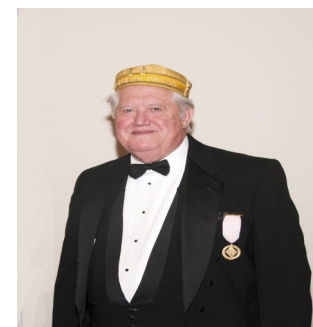
Brethren,

Spring will soon be in the air. We have been lucky to have a light winter thus far. With spring just around the corner, it is time also for graduations. There are a lot of opportunities for educational help from our Fraternity, BUT, it doesn't happen overnight. We should be looking for and working on Scholarships and Grants for our children's future education. The time to get going is now for the school year beginning this fall.

Thank you for your support and for the support you will give to the future Officers.

Fraternally,

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



## **Most Wise Master's Message**

Brethren,

Please hang in there a bit longer. The cold days will be warming up and the spring flowers will be blooming. I know it is hard to imagine when it is in low digits on the thermometer outside.

I want to say thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas party to make it such a success. It was such a great site to see all the kids waiting to see Santa.

I hope to see everyone at the upcoming Valley functions. Please check the schedule and your calendars. Try to make the March stated meeting if possible. I know the newly elected Officers will appreciate your support. Another big date is April 1st for the Spring Reunion-come out to welcome our incoming brothers.

Fraternally,

Bro. Cory W. Mason, Most Wise Master



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

Fraternal Greetings Brethren,

Lori & I hope everyone had a great holiday. As we all look forward to 2017, there are many challenges before us, and the Valley is no exception. We will be making our selections for Officers for the upcoming fiscal year. If anyone is interested in serving as an officer, please contact the Secretary asap. There are a lot of upcoming activities at the Valley. Please refer to this Clipper for that list. The Spring Reunion is scheduled for April 1st. Look around your Blue Lodge for prospective new members.

Howard is retiring as Secretary March 31, 2017. I would like to thank him for all the years of service. You will be truly missed. As always, this is your Valley. We are here for you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jeffrey P. Jackson

Commander-In-Chief



## A Note from the Valley Secretary

Dear Brethren,

The time has come for me to write my last article for the Valley of New Castle Clipper.

Yes, you read right, I am retiring as Secretary of the Valley of New Castle effective April 1, 2017.

I would like to take the time to thank all of you who have helped me through the years; this is the most rewarding work I've ever done. The joys and rewards come from seeing others move forward, not only in their Masonic life, but also as they move forward in their personal lives. These changes are part of what this fraternity is about. We take good men and make them great men and great leaders; not only in freemasonry, but as they go forward into their work place, community, church and family. This is the reward that I have come to see over the years. Yes, I have been working in the Valley office for 23 years, and Secretary for 21 years. It seems like yesterday that I started here at the Valley of New Castle, and now it's time to say goodbye, and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be the Secretary of the Valley of New Castle! I would like to thank the brothers that helped me turn mountains into molehills. I said thank you to the many that have helped to make this Valley of New Castle great over the years. Some in a small way, others in bigger ways, but all have helped in their own way. Thank you again.

In closing, I wish the best to all the Officers in the Valley of New Castle that will be elected to serve in the years to come. Good luck my brothers.

Thank You,



Ill. Howard E. Glover, 33°, MSA  
Secretary of the Valley of New Castle



The Valley of New Castle has acquired new office equipment over the past couple of weeks.

Our old office furniture is free to anyone who would like to have it. Please bring your own truck to haul the item (s) away.

The furniture that is available: 2 steel desks

A number of work stations that can be used for computers

Any questions please call the Valley office 724-654-5800.

### Valentine's Day Dinner & Organ Concert

**Saturday, February 11, 2017**

**6:30 PM**



Cathedral classic dining on the auditorium stage! A buffet dinner will be served, with dinner music provided on the grand Cathedral organ by Michael Kearny. Menu includes stuffed chicken breast, shaved beef stacks, mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, vegetables, tossed salad with dressings, fresh-baked rolls with butter, cheese cake with strawberry topping, coffee and iced tea. Tickets: \$25 single, \$45 couple. Seating is limited, and reservations must be received by Monday, February 6. Reservations: contact the Cathedral office at (724) 654-6683, x 1, or by e-mail at [info@cathedralnewcastle.com](mailto:info@cathedralnewcastle.com).

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Cathedral's grand organ restoration fund.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

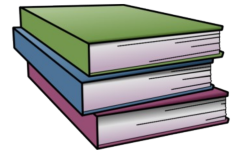
Named for Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921 to 1932, the scholarship program provides financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from the Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$3 million has been awarded to students 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 currently enrolled at an accredited college or university, who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.  
(Freshman Scholarships will be distributed after an acceptable GPA is submitted, following the first semester).
- A member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Applicants should print the form, and complete it, and mail it to the appropriate Valley Secretary. Fill out two forms. Applicants should submit their application to their father's Valley. Deadline is April 1, 2017.

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



## ATTENTION!!!!!!!!!!

Our new email is **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.

## SPECIAL NOTICE!!!

Vacancies and changes are constantly occurring in the casts of the Scottish Rite Degrees. There is always room for loyal and willing workers. Candidates and members who are desirous of taking part in the degrees, kindly communicate with Rob Cummings, Consistory Office, New Castle, PA., stating your preference of degrees and previous experience, if any.

Thank you.

## 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



The Officers of the Scottish Rite Valley of New Castle are organizing a trip to the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation meeting, which will be held at the Valley Forge Casino Resort in King of Prussia PA this year. We have placed a deposit on a 56 passenger motor coach to take the members of the Valley of New Castle and their guests on this trip. We will be departing from the Scottish Rite Cathedral in New Castle at 8:00 AM on Friday, July 7, 2017. The departure for home will take place at 9:00 AM Sunday, July 9, 2017, with a stop at the Flight 93 Memorial.

There will be lunch and rest stops as needed. The cost is \$75.00 per person. Hotel rooms, meals at the Council of Deliberation and on the trip out and back are not included in the cost, and are your responsibility.

If you would like to book a seat or two for this trip, or have any questions about this trip, please call the Valley Office at 724-654-5800. Office hours are 8:30 AM till 4:30 PM Monday-Thursday.

First come, first to be on the bus for Valley Forge on July 7, 2017. More information about room reservations, and other details will come from the Council of Deliberation Office soon.

Thank You!

## Save The Date!!!!

On April 1, 2017, The Valley of New Castle is having a Spring Reunion: starting at 8:00 am and ending by 4:00 pm. Degrees tba . If you recently joined the Scottish Rite Valley of New Castle, A.A.S.R. during the one day class, please plan on attending and seeing some other degrees. No reservation or rsvp is necessary. For more information, contact the the **Valley Office @ 724-654-5800 or E-mail: secretary033@yahoo.com.**

## *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. James M. Campbell, 33°	Ill. Clarence R. (Buzz) Snyder, Jr., 33°, MSA	Ronald E. Varnum
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Valentine J. Fumich	William R. Owens	Russell E. Wimer
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**Upcoming Fundraising Events: Save the Date: Friday, March 17, 2017  
"Get Your Green On" at the Lucky Leprechaun Wine & Purse Bash**

**LEGION OF HONOR NEWS**

As the new Commander for the Legion of Honor for 2017, I would like to take this time to thank everyone who took from their own personal time from their families to help with the Christmas Party. From what I have heard from other Brothers, everyone had a good time. More so than the children after their visit with Santa.

The members of the Legion of Honor are already planning for the next Christmas Party, and hope to see everyone there. Again, thank you very much.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Paul R. Graham St., 32°, Commander Legion of Honor

**T.T.G.O.T.G.A.O.T.U.**

To The Glory Of The Grand Architect Of The Universe  
A Stated Meeting of the Four Coordinate Bodies Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry  
in the Valley of New Castle, Pennsylvania will be held on  
March 15, 2017 7:30 P.M.

Business will be transacted by the  
New Castle Lodge of Perfection, 14°; By Order of: Charles D. Heemer, Jr., 32° T.P.M.  
New Castle Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 16°; By Order of Robert J. Murdoch, Jr., 32° S.P.  
New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°; Cory W. Mason, 32°, M.W.M.  
New Castle Consistory, 32°; Ill. Jeffrey P. Jackson, 33°, C.I.C.

Attest: Ill. Howard E. Glover, 33°, M.S.A.

**Election of Officers to serve for the next Scottish Rite Year beginning on April 1, 2017**

**The members of the Fall Class will be honored that this meeting**

**All members and their ladies are invited to join the Officers**

**For dinner from 6:00 to 7:00 PM**

**Cost \$ 10.00**

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

**CALL 724-654-5800**

**or by mail to:**

**Valley New Castle Office, 110 E. Lincoln Ave, New Castle, PA, 16101**

**Cutoff date is Friday, March 10, 2017**



The officers of the Scottish Rite Valley of New Castle would like to dispose of two investment accounts managed by Huntington Bank as Agent Trust Company of Trustees of the Scottish Rite Valley of New Castle. The name of the two accounts which we would like to dispose of are The Organ Fund and the Permanent Organ Fund. A motion was made at the Executive Committee Meeting on January 1, 2017, revising the motion that was made at the June 15, 2016 Stated Meeting of the Valley of New Castle.

The Officers of the Valley of New Castle present, moved and allowed the transfer of The Organ Fund in its entirety to the Cathedral Foundation to an account by the same name held by the Officers of the Cathedral Foundation, for the sole purpose of maintenance of the Moller five Manual Pipe Organ. or apportion thereof to an account by the same name held by the Officers of the Cathedral Foundation or apportion thereof may be retained by the Valley of New Castle and deposited in the General Checking account, or in account and use to be determined by the Executive Committee. The Permanent Organ Fund must set aside the amount of the original bequest of \$10,000.00 and must remain in the Permanent Organ Fund. The remainder of the monies in the Permanent Organ Fund account is to be transferred to the Cathedral Foundation to an account by the same name held by the Officers of the Cathedral Foundation in total thereof.

The Trustees of the Valley of New Castle and their successors in the Trust must maintain the Permanent Organ Fund. This fund must have minimum balance of no less than \$ 10,000.00. This is the amount original bequest and shall not be invaded. The income, interest, and dividends arising from the investments of such funds shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Cathedral Foundation and placed in the Organ Fund to be used only for the continued maintenance of the Moller Five Manual Pipe Organ, this must be done no less than once a year. The organ is in front of the auditorium of the New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral.

This motion will be presented at the Stated meeting of the Valley of New Castle on January 18, 2017, and will lie over without debate, until the next Stated meeting of the Valley of New Castle and notices must sent to the membership to be considered and acted upon; and if it shall then be approved by a majority of the members present, it shall be adopted.

As of January 14, 2017, the Deputy for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°:

Has given formal approval of the combining of the Life Annuity Fund and the Life Membership Fund which are under the control of the Trustee of the Valley of New Castle, into a new account which shall be called **"ANNUITY MEMBERSHIP FUND"** in accordance with the Supreme Council Constitution, and continue under the Control of the Trustee of the Valley of New Castle. From this date forward the Life Annuity Fund and the Life Membership Fund will be titled as follows the "Annuity Membership Fund."

Read at the Stated meeting of the Valley of New Castle on January 18, 2017. To be held over till next Stated Meeting, to be voted on at the March 15, 2017.

First Signer: Ill. Howard E. Glovier, 33°, MSA

Second Signer: Bro. Randell L. Connell, 32°

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

**MARCH 15, 2017**

**JUNE 21, 2017**

**OCTOBER 18, 2017**

**JANUARY 17, 2018**



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## *Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events*

February 4	Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra	Scottish Rite Cathedral	8:00pm
February 11	Valentine's Day Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30pm
March 3	Fish Fry	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30pm
March 15	Stated Meeting/Election of Officers	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30pm
March 17	Get Your Green On	Scottish Rite Cathedral	TBA
April 1	Spring Reunion	Scottish Rite Cathedral	8:30am
April 22	33° Spring Party	Scottish Rite Cathedral	TBA
June 21	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30pm
July 7	Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation	Scottish Rite Cathedral	8:00am
August 26-30	33° Supreme Council—Rochester NY	Scottish Rite Cathedral	TBA
October 18	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30pm
December 1	33° Christmas Party	Scottish Rite Cathedral	TBA
January 17, 2018	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30pm