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AASR, VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE

THE VALLEY CLIPPER



ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancakes & Sausage

Buttermilk Pancakes, Buckwheat Cakes,
Whole Hog Sausage

Saturday, January 17, 2009, 3-7 pm

New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral

Proceeds benefit the New Castle

32° Masonic Learning Center for Children

Adults \$5 Children under 12 \$3

Questions? Call 724-654-5800 Or Visit: valleyofnc.org

Tickets Available In Advance

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: Pancake Dinner



Annual Stag Fish Fry

Friday, March 20, 2009, at 7:30 pm

Great Entertainment (details at a later date)

Fantastic Fish Sandwiches, THE BEST Fellowship!

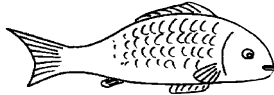
ALL FOR \$ 5.00 PER PERSON

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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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: William L. McCarrier, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania

Meet the members from the Clarence R. "Buzz" Snyder, Jr. Fall 2008 Class

The newest members of the Valley of New Castle!

Bro. Robert W. Bicker of Cabot, PA
 Bro. Isaac O. Grove of Oil City, PA
 Bro. Frederick Alton Henry of Franklin, PA
 Bro. Danile E. Kulick of Apollo, PA
 Bro. Matthew James Miller of New Castle, PA
 Bro. Timothy M. D. Rayner of Edinburg, PA
 Bro. Charles S. Smith of New Castle, PA (*not in photo*)
 Bro. Leland Michael Yeany of Brookville, PA



The Fall 2008 Class was held in honor of Bro. Clarence R. "Buzz" Snyder, Jr. 33° on November 14 & 22, 2008. Following the 4th degree on November 14th, the class, as well as the public, were entertained by Dottie Aiken's performance as Patsy Cline. On November 22nd, the reunion continued with a full day of degree work that included great fellowship!

Valley of New Castle, Spring 2009 Reunion

Friday, May 1st

4° - Master Traveler, *Dinner and show in auditorium will follow degree.*

Saturday, May 16th

**6° - Master of the Brazen Serpent, 14° - Grand Elect Mason
 16° - Prince of Jerusalem, 18° - Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.
 23° - Chief of the Tabernacle, 31° - Knight Aspirant
 32° - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret**

More details will be posted on valleyofnc.org soon.

***The Valley of Oil City is having their Spring Reunion on Friday, April 17th & Saturday, April 18th.**

Email: hdittman@zoominternet.net for more details.*

Keeping our Senior Brethren Safe in Extreme Weather

When the cold weather strikes, our elderly and disabled brethren, widows of past brethren, and neighbors may need extra assistance. Here are some of the ways you can help them stay safe and sound:

- Offer your phone number for emergency calls and check elderly loved ones and friends regularly to make sure they are safe.
- If possible, arrange for someone to shovel and de-ice their walkways and steps.
- During severe weather, see if they need transportation to and from medical appointments or to the grocery store.
- Make sure they have emergency supplies on hand.
- If loved ones are cognitively or physically disabled, arrange for someone to stay with them during a weather emergency.

This was taken from Winter Safety for Seniors pamphlet. Please visit safeusa.org for more information, or drop by the Valley Office to pick up a pamphlet or two.

Your Cathedral Foundation News

Greetings, brothers, with hopes and prayers of a safe, healthy prosperous year 2009 to all. The wheels of progress sometimes move slowly, but the Foundation Board of Directors are still in high gear - it is full speed ahead. Much has been accomplished in 2008, but much more is still to be done to meet our goals.

The handicap ramp and two handicap access doors are now completed. Concrete walkways to newly surface-coated steps have been replaced. The landscaping in front of ramp will be done this spring. The parking lot has been repaired and painted with white stripes. We are still striving to enlarge the parking area for the Cathedral by buying properties when opportunities become available. A new phone system with additional equipment has been installed, allowing the Cathedral and Medure Food Group representatives to answer phone calls seven days a week. We have had positive, profitable results with Medure Food Group, our exclusive caterer; thus we have agreed to another five-year contract.

Our major concern is maintaining the integrity and appearance of the Cathedral. The porch has been exposed to weather conditions for eighty-two years, and we are doing a study to enhance the porch. This will be a costly project. Another major concern when our building has stood for eighty-two years is updating or replacing the plumbing system, providing steam heat from the boiler. We also need to improve and update modern lighting and sound systems in the auditorium and in the main dining room where bingo is held, and also refurbish our attractive lobby. Smaller projects to begin in January are to modernize two dressing rooms near the stage to be more pleasing and comfortable for celebrity performers appearing here. We will also begin a work-in-progress to eventually make the bowling alley another rental income room.

We have just ended our 2006-2008 fund raising campaign. Due to the scope of work that I described above, we are embarking on a new 2009-2011 campaign. In the last few weeks you have received information concerning your pledges and donations; if you have not received that information already please feel free to call Dawn Pilch at 724-654-6683.

The Cathedral Foundation and the Scottish Rite Valley of New Castle are teaming together to promote the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. We need to attend these events as they provide revenue to help maintain your Cathedral. Tickets for these concerts may be ordered at pittsburghsymphony.org or 800-743-8560. Concert dates are January 9, 2009 and May 7, 2009. Please consider attending pre-symphony dinner prior to each concert as this provides additional revenue for the Cathedral Foundation. Reservations may be made by phoning 724-654-6683, option 3, then option 2, or by emailing info@cathedralnewcastle.com

We are planning an historical celebration May 29, 2009 for the Scottish Rite Cathedral. We expect to receive the honor of recognition in the National Registry of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of Interior. We have contracted the Glenn Miller Orchestra to entertain in our beautiful auditorium to highlight our celebration.

The Cathedral Foundation Board extends well-done thanks to John Reed, Jim Reno, and Rich Sbarro, who have completed terms of office as board members. The board members now are Tom Bashara, Karl Chandler, Rob Cummings, Jeff Heasley, Jim Kunselman, Marvin Lebby, Bob McCracken, Mark Nord, Joe Weinschenk, and George Wollaston.

Jim Kunselman,
President, Cathedral Foundation

My Greatest Masonic Experience!!!

My first involvement in Scottish Rite Masonry was with a walk-on part in one of the twenty-nine degrees. That was the start of an experience that I shall cherish for the rest of my life. Before long, I was involved with speaking parts, something I never thought I could do. There is a fellowship and camaraderie among the actors and crews that far exceed any other involvement. After each Reunion, one gets the feeling that he has truly contributed to the start of another's journey in Scottish Rite Masonry. After many roles and several years, I now know that the Reunion involvement has become my greatest Masonic experience.

If you would like to become involved and receive the Reunion Experience, please contact the Valley of New Castle Secretary at 724-654-5800 or email me, Dave Marvin, at: dhmarvin@verizon.net

We Are a Band of Brothers

Ill. Jeffrey P. Jackson, 33°, Most Wise Master, New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of New Castle

Greetings Brethren; I hope the Holiday Season was a great time for you and your family. As we head into a new year, many changes are in store for our country. Please remember, as our fraternity teaches us, we are a band of brothers. I feel sure that as a need arises, our fraternity is here for you. I've been a member of the Valley for over 20 years and have met many great people. Some have gone to meet the great Architect of the Universe, and some are still here on Earth. But I have learned many good lessons from these men that I will treasure for a long time to come. Our fraternity is a great fraternity to belong to. I am very proud to be a Mason, and belong to the Scottish Rite. Please remember, you only get out of things what you put in to them. So please come out to the meetings and social events, and get involved. Who knows, you may be surprised at what you have missed!

Fraternally Yours!
Jeffrey P. Jackson

New Year's Eve Reflections 2008

Richard P. Mulcahy, 32°, PTPM, Sovereign Prince, Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, Valley of New Castle

As 2008 draws to a close, we look forward to the New Year with hope. However, we also tend to look back to the past with a mixture of nostalgia and relief. This is certainly understandable about this year in particular. Within the last twelve months, we have witnessed an historic presidential election, a meteoric rise and collapse of crude oil prices, and the worst financial meltdown suffered by this country's economic system since the Great Crash of 1929.

Times are uncertain, and in moments like this, there is a tendency to look back fondly to a distant past that was simpler, happier, and more orderly. Such a phenomenon is referred to as the search for a Golden Age.

I have encountered this thinking many times, especially from brothers who remember the large classes their valleys once initiated. With this, there is a general longing to return to a better era. For my part, I am nothing but sympathetic to these feelings, and there is no question but that recruiting new members is the central challenge that confronts the fraternity at this time. That being said, however, we need to remember that facing challenges is bound together with the very nature of life. In the late 1930s, President Franklin Roosevelt, a fellow Mason, said the following: "To some generations, much is given, of other generations, much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny."

Taking all of this into account, let us ever keep looking forward and progressing into the future with confidence & hope. Conversely, let us never forget nor neglect the past, but let us always keep it in perspective. Happy New Year!

Builders Council: Supporting the Learning Center

We at the New Castle 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc. have started a Builder's Council to help support the New Castle Learning Center.

Here is a list of names of extraordinary Brothers that have already made a pledge of \$10,000 or more!

- Ill. Bro. William L. McCarrier, 33° and Lady Irene
- Ill. Bro. David J. Smith, 33°, M.S.A. and Lady Glenda
- Ill. Bro. George F. Wollaston, 33°, V.S.A. and Lady Twila
- Ill. Bro. Stanley A. McCollough, 33° and Lady Patricia
- Ill. Bro. Joseph W. Fennick, 33° and Lady Marian
- Ill. Bro. Dale R. Perelman, 33° and Lady Michelle
- Bro. Charles E. Cranmer, 32°, M.S.A. and Lady Joyce
- The late Bro. Howard W. (Mike) Brannon and Lady Maxine

Here are some ways for you to leave a legacy, and become a member of this special group by your gift of \$10,000.00 or more. The first way is an outright gift of ten thousand dollars; the second way is a gift of one thousand dollars a year over a period of ten years.

If you are reluctant to give an outright gift because you want to have sufficient financial resources in the future to provide for your family's needs as well as your own needs, you might want to make a gift to our Learning Center in your will. This type of gift is known as a "bequest." You can do this by amending your existing will or by writing a new will. You can name the New Castle 32° Learning Center for Children as the beneficiary of a percentage of your estate or of a specific amount of money or property.

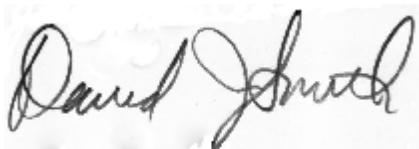
Another gift that you can give now without affecting your current financial position is to designate the New Castle 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, Benefit Fund Policy, 401(K) plan, or I.R.A.

If you have rental property, and maybe it was purchased some time ago, with property prices having appreciated substantially over that period of time, a gift of real estate is a great way to support the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children.

These are just some of the many ways for you to leave a legacy. Your attorney can help you draft a new will or change your present will. If you would like an analysis of a charitable gift annuity, or information on any other planned giving ideas, please call Roberta Miller at 724-654-0122.

On behalf of the Learning Center staff, Board of Governors and myself, we would like to thank you for your support, and we hope that you will continue to support the New Castle 32° Masonic Learning Center, Inc. in the future.

Sincerely & fraternally,



Ill. David J. Smith, 33°, M.S.A.
Chairman of Board of Governors



IN MEMORIAM

The Valley of New Castle remembers, with respect, and acknowledges the following Brethren whose deaths have been reported to the Valley office since July 2008.

Farewell my brother, you have gone to meet your God.

Ill. Vernon G. Adams, 33°
Alfred John Grimm, 32°, M.S.A.

Elvin W. Batchelor
Ezra E. Best
Dean L. Bollinger
Howard E. Brown
Thomas M. Campbell
Theron R. Carr
James W. Choffel
Willard G. Clements
Leroy M. Courson
Howard W. Elder
Donald H. Ellsworth
Allen J. Egger
George A. Emrick
Donald J. Flick
Joseph F. Fowler
Clarence H. Fry
Albert I. Fulton
Richard J. Gordon
Thomas A. Gilchrist
James H. Greenawalt
Harold W. Griffin

Donald W. Hathaway
Stanley I. Hoffacker
Patrick H. Holter
Robert F. Horrell
John S. Hindman, Jr.
James F. Ingham
John A. Jordan, Sr.
Ray E. Karnes
Dale D. Kegaris
Irvin G. Klugh
Lloyd R. Knapp
Zenas R. Lepley
David B. LeMon, Sr.
George W. Lewis
Eden P. Likens
Charles L. McCrumb
William L. McKee
Everett R. McQuire
Harry E. Means
William M. Mitcheltree
James L. Montgomery

Edwin L. Moore
Robert W. Moore
William Morgan
Harry A. Nosker
Elmer E. Over
Paul B. Phipps
Robert W. Pyle
William T. Reece
Frank C. Reed
George L. Ritzler
Andrew F. Shaul, Jr.
William J. Sherry
Jack W. Spencer
Willard T. Spencer
Jack W. Staley
Wayne H. Stewart
James R. Stillwagon
Raymond B. Swanson
Charles W. Thompson
Gerald D. Wasser
Glenn S. Wilson

From the Membership Chairman's Desk

Christmas has come and gone, and so we are at that time of year for us to make our New Year's Resolutions. Have you *replaced yourself*? We ask that you think about *replacing yourself* by getting a new member for your Blue Lodge and the Scottish Rite Valley of New Castle. Maybe you have never signed a petition for a friend. Why? Maybe you have been responsible for dozens of member's petitions - surely there is one more! Sharing this fraternity is the only way we will grow. As you can see above, we are losing far too many members to deaths.

The Spring Reunion will be held on May 1, 2009 and May 16, 2009. Following the degree on May 1st is a dinner and a show in the auditorium of our wonderful New Castle Cathedral. It is not too soon to start working on getting new members! Every Blue Lodge in Western Pennsylvania has around 40% that are Scottish Rite members. **YOU** need to ask the remaining 60% to become a Scottish Rite Mason. If you need petitions, or any other membership supplies, please call the Valley office at 724-654-5800. We will be happy to provide them for you!

Here are some of the Valley activities; these are a great way to introduce a friend to the fellowship of Masonry and a brother to the Scottish Rite. Plan to attend the Pancake Dinner on Saturday, January 17, 2009 and the Annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 20, 2009. We look forward to seeing you and meeting your friend at these events! Tickets are available by mailing a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Valley Office.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Your Membership Committee

2008 Oktoberfest Was A Big Hit!

The Valley of New Castle held its annual Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 25, 2008.



Over 350 family, friends, members and prospective members of the Valley of New Castle enjoyed great food, music, and fellowship.

The evening began with genuine German foods, Authentic German Music provided by Burke's Bavarian Brass, prizes, the old country store, children's entertainment and more.

Earn Money Towards Your Scottish Rite Dues

The Supreme Council has made it possible for our membership to pay their Scottish Rite Dues with every purchase they make at no extra cost. All the member has to do is simply shop through OneCause, where they can earn credits towards dues with every purchase made at hundreds of well-known merchants!



Here's how:

1. Visit www.onecause.com and click "Join" under step one.
2. Search for "Scottish Rite Freemasonry, NMJ" when prompted to find your organization or simply type in 148669 in the "Organization ID" box.
3. Fill in your profile information and include your email address in the Dues Crediting field. This must be a unique email address for each registered person.
4. Click "Submit" and choose from hundreds of well-known merchants to start shopping.

Earn credits
towards dues
with every
purchase
made...

Speaking of Dues!

Brethren, it's almost that time of year again to pay our dues. Statements will be sent out to you soon for your 2009 Dues. We thank you in advance for your prompt payment! You have our congratulations on continuing your membership in this wonderful organization and we hope to see *you* at many of our upcoming events.

We are looking for pictures and stories to publish in the Valley of New Castle Clipper and on the Valley web site: valleyofnc.org

Please send your articles, pictures, and ideas to webmaster@valleyofnc.org or mail to the Valley Office before Feb. 18.

Valley Clipper and web site edited and maintained by Howard Glovier secretary@valleyofnc.org and Scott Tressler webmaster@valleyofnc.org

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The Valley of New Castle 2009 Schedule of Events

January 17, 2009	Pancake Sausage Dinner <i>Benefits the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	3:00-7:00 pm
January 24, 2009	Meridian Lodge Spaghetti Dinner	Enon Valley, PA	3:00-7:00 pm
February 18, 2009	Stated Meeting	Parker City-Allegheny Valley Lodge No. 521	7:30 pm
March 18, 2009	Stated Meeting— <i>Election of Officers</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
March 20, 2009	Annual Stag Fish Fry	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
March 29, 2009	Louis F. Rotunno Spaghetti Dinner	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	TBA
April 17 & 18, 2009	Valley of Oil City— <i>Spring Reunion</i>	Oil City Masonic Hall	TBA
May 1 & 16, 2009	Valley of New Castle— <i>Spring Reunion</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	Details Inside

The Valley of New Castle is looking for a few good men. The Nominating Committee is asking for your help in finding the right Brothers to be officers in the Valley.

We also need your help with various committees to make the above listed events possible. Please contact the Valley office at 724-654-5800 or secretary@valleyofnc.org if you would like to volunteer for a committee. Please also visit the Valley web site at www.valleyofnc.org for more details and updates.

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