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AASR, VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE

THE VALLEY CLIPPER



Annual Stag Fish Fry

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

- Great Entertainment with Guest Speaker: JERRY BOWYER
(Pittsburgh Area Radio & TV News Personality, Financial Advisor)
 - Fantastic Fish Sandwiches
 - THE BEST Fellowship!

ALL FOR \$ 5 PER PERSON

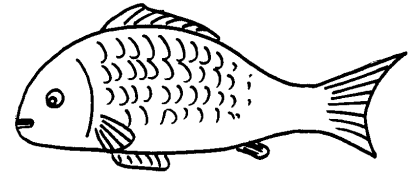
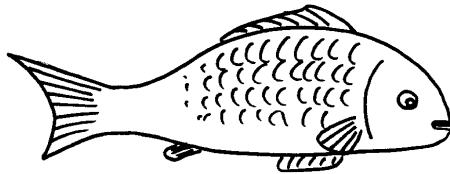
Bring a Blue Lodge Brother who is not a Scottish Rite member or bring a friend so they can enjoy the fellowship of Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

Questions? Call 724-654-5800 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: Fish Fry



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 soon on valleyofnc.org

*The Valley of Oil City is having its Spring Reunion on Friday, April 17th, at 6 pm, the 4th, 5th, 8th degrees will be conferred & Saturday, April 18th at 9 am, the 7th, 12th, and the 14th degrees will be conferred, lunch will be served.

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

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

Lou Rotunno Memorial Scholarship Rigatoni Rally

Proceeds to Provide Scholarship Funds

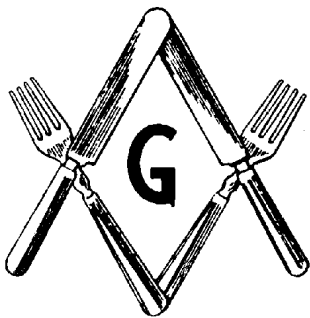
Sunday, March 29, 2009, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral

\$ 6 Per Person
Children Under Age 6 Eat Free!

Bring your friends and family to enjoy great pasta and good fellowship.

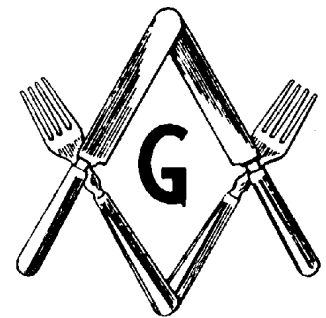
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Hundreds Attend 2009 Pancake Dinner

Kudos and thanks to the members and families in making the Pancake, Buckwheat, and Sausage dinner another successful event. Once again the cooks and dinner crews met on the 3rd Saturday in January, served 726 patrons, and grossed \$5,590.80, less \$1,208.39 in expenses, for a total net of \$4,382.41, all for the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children!

Advanced ticket sales are the key to our success. The Pancake Committee thanks each of you for your efforts. If you are willing to sell tickets in your area for next year's dinner, please contact ticket chairman, John R. Seltzer at 182 Brewster Rd., New Castle, PA 16102, or 724-667-8863. We never ask you to sell more than ten tickets, unless you ask for more! Unsold tickets can be returned to be sold at the door. This dinner is the best deal in the county! Help us spread the word!



The Committee gives special thanks to the Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay from New Castle and Pittsburgh for their efforts in setting up, serving, and cleaning. This year for the first time, students from Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc., in New Castle assisted in the final clean-up. Our thanks to these students for their assistance.

Please mark January 16, 2010 on your calendar for the next Pancake Dinner.

David Smith, Committee Chairman



Election and Open Installation of Officers

On March 18, 2009 the Valley of New Castle will elect officers in the New Castle Lodge of Perfection, New Castle Council Princes of Jerusalem, New Castle Chapter Rose Croix, and the New Castle Consistory. This event will include an open installation of officers.

The election will be completed at approximately 8 p.m. The ladies and guests will then be invited into the Lodge room to view the installation service and passing of jewels. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. We hope to see *YOU* there!

Employment Resources

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania provides an Employment Center and Business Directory exclusively for its members. It is an opportunity for Pennsylvania Masons to network with each other. Pennsylvania Masons can post their resumes and job listings, including volunteer opportunities. Company listing can also now be posted.

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The Masonic Job Fair, is an Employment Center is for Freemasons only. It is for Brethren from the Tri-State NJ/NY/PA area. Brethren can post their resumes, share tips, job listings, including all volunteer opportunities and job fairs. Please let the Brothers know what kind of employment you are looking for. If you have a job opening where you work, let the Brothers know. This is a free service as we are Brothers helping Brothers. *** Please note when joining, answer the following questions: Tell us a little about yourself. What is your Masonic affiliation? What is your lodge name and location?

Access these employment resources on the "Resources" link on the Valley website: valleyofnc.org

DeMolay International Honors Dennis Lennox

DeMolay teaches many important lessons, from how one should live to be a servant and a citizen, all the way to character-building and leadership. Keeping this in mind, DeMolay places importance on honoring those to whom honors are due, and there is no better representation of this than the degree of Chevalier.



On January 31st, 2009, New Castle Builders Chapter took a special moment to recognize State Junior Councilor, Denny Lennox (son of Brother Scott Tressler) for his hard work in promoting the DeMolay program in the New Castle area. Denny was honored with the Degree of Chevalier in



a ceremony led by "Dad" Rodney Boyce with help from many Chevaliers from around the state. Congratulations to Denny and New Castle Builders Chapter for a job well done and an honor well deserved.

Celebrate the Scottish Rite Cathedral's Acceptance into the
National Registry of Historic Places



A Legend Lives On

The World Famous

GLENN MILLER
ORCHESTRA

Scottish Rite Cathedral

110 Lincoln Avenue, New Castle, PA 16101

May 29, 2009 - 8 pm

General Admission Tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door

Be a Sponsor of this Special Performance

Sponsorship Levels of \$1,000, \$500 or \$250 include
 Tickets in preferred seating • Invitations to a private reception •
 Recognition in the concert program • ... and more

You can be a sponsor of this exciting event for little more than the value of your complimentary tickets. Take advantage of this opportunity to show your support of the Cathedral by being a concert sponsor.

For more information call the Cathedral office at **724.654.6683**,
 or the Lawrence County Tourist Promotion Agency at **724.654.8408**.

Your Cathedral Foundation News

Greetings Brothers, with entertaining good news to each of you and your families. The month of May 2009 will provide an exciting month of activities at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Reunion dates are May 1, 2009 and May 16, 2009. These are times to show that we are a fraternity of brotherly love and united fellowship. We must all extend our hand of love and welcome that this is a great place to be. Please help us grow by submitting petitions.

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Concert is May 7, 2009, at 8:00 pm with Manfred Honeck, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Music Director, conducting. Tickets can be purchased at www.pittsburghsymphony.org, or 800-743-8560. Pre-symphony dinner reservations prior to the concert can be made by phoning 724-654-6683, option 3, then option 2, or by emailing info@cathedralnewcastle.com.

We are now recognized in the National Registry of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of Interior. We will celebrate this special designation May 29, 2009, with the legendary Glenn Miller Orchestra entertaining in our beautiful auditorium. Please see page to the left for information. **YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT.**

As noted in the previous Clipper, improvements and projects are moving forward, and each Brother's financial support is needed to support your board's efforts. Thank you so much for your past and continued contributions. So mote it be!

Jim Kunselman
President, Cathedral Foundation

Abbott Scholarship

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 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: The following criteria are used to determine the eligibility of applicants for the program:

- A currently enrolled freshman, sophomore, junior or senior at an accredited college or university.
- 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 child or grandchild of a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A graduate of one of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Applications for the Abbott Scholarship can be obtained from the Valley Office or at valleyofnc.org on the "Resources" page.

Brethren: The applications must be received by the Valley Secretary before April 1, 2009!!!

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 November 2008.

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

<p>Bro. Howard W. Brannon, 32°, V.S.A. Wayne A. Adamson Charles G. August, Sr. Jack R. Barkman James G. Camp, Jr. Wayne A. Cornelius John W. Curtis George D. Eberhardt John S. Fauset John R. Gilger James M. Henry David L. Householder William M. Jolley Cecil C. Kornrumpf Kenneth R. Kovac</p>	<p>Thomas B. McCauley Howard R. McQuiston Ronald W. Meek Walter J. Moltz George D. Nicklin James W. Noble, Sr. Harry L. Rorabaugh Douglass H. Smith Joseph M. Stewart, Sr. James D. Stranford Harry M. Such Randall E. Surrena Edward A. Wiant Vincent J. Wishart</p>
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From the Membership Chairman's Desk

Greetings Brethren,

Freemasonry in the 21st century, is it still relevant?

It is just as relevant today as it was in the 18th—20th centuries and – possibly – more relevant than it has been at any time that we can recall. Freemasonry has served as a comfortable refuge during times of societal turmoil and economic distress. It has been a beacon of light to those who seek to make sense of what otherwise appears to be a human experience with no purpose or direction. As we near the end of the first decade of the 21st century, we can see the need to unite in brotherly love and good fellowship.

During times of turmoil in society and economic uncertainty, Freemasonry has served as a foundation for many. It has promoted religious beliefs – while not replacing religion – and has been instrumental in producing thought processes that have actually helped to shape nations. It has been a behind-the-scenes driving force for freedom and personal responsibility – both very relevant subjects in this 21st century.

What is the benefit to it's members?

This great fraternity offers more to its members than any other. This is particularly true in Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Friendship, networking, leadership opportunities, and community don't even begin to describe the rewards of membership. Want to fill up your social schedule? Join Freemasonry and you'll have more social events than you'll ever be able to attend.

If we are united, our Fraternity must flourish! Brethren, let us join together as a Band of Brothers and share with a friend the experiences we have all had. Tell them that you are proud to be a Freemason! **And very proud to be a Scottish Rite Freemason!** Do you carry petitions with you? Remember the spring class.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Your Membership Committee

Hospitaller Program Expanding!

The Hospitaller Program, to provide home medical equipment for the use of our Brothers and their families, is being expanded throughout the Valley of New Castle into outlying areas.

The Valley's Hospitaller, Brother Levi R. Harding, III, 32°, and the Hospitaller Committee are establishing satellite sites where Brothers can pick up canes, crutches, walkers, wheel chairs, bedside commodes, shower seats, hospital beds, etc. This will be accomplished through the efforts of Brothers in various areas of the Valley. The satellite sites will provide as many as four additional locations for storage and will allow easier access to those not located near the New Castle Cathedral.

Satellite sites are being established in the following areas:

Beaver Valley	contact Ill. Jeffrey J. Heasley, 33°	724-601-3229
Greenville	contact Ill. David H. Marvin, 33°	724-588-3677
Kittanning	contact Ill. Jeffery P. Jackson, 33°	724-453-2523
New Castle (original)	contact Levi. R. Harding, III, 32°	724-699-1175
Parker	contact Mark E. Viertel, 32°	724-399-4921

You may also contact the Valley Secretary for more information at:
724-654-5800 or secretary@valleyofnc.org

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 toward 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
toward dues
with every
purchase
made.

Speaking of Dues!

Brethren, it's almost that time of year again to pay your 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 to post 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 Apr. 17.

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

March 18, 2009	Stated Meeting— <i>Election of Officers</i> <i>Open Installation</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 Rigatoni Dinner	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	11:30 am –3 pm
April 17 & 18, 2009	Valley of Oil City— <i>Spring Reunion</i>	Oil City Masonic Hall	17th, 6 pm, 18th, 9 am
May 1 & 16, 2009	Valley of New Castle— <i>Spring Reunion</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	Details Inside
May 29, 2009	Glenn Miller Orchestra	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	8 pm
July 10 & 11, 2009	PA Council of Deliberation	Seven Springs, PA	TBA

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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*** INSPIRATION * CONVENIENCE * ENJOYMENT!**