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THE VALLEY CLIPPER

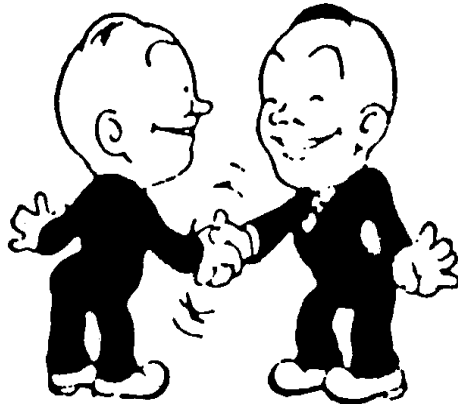


The Spring 2011 Reunion is Finally Here!

After a long, cold winter, Spring had finally arrived, and so has the Valley of New Castle Spring 2011 Reunion. Class honoree is Ill. Stanley A. McCollough, 33°. Springtime affords us the opportunity to witness a re-birth of nature. Much like a Reunion allows us to experience a renewal of inspiration of the Masonic teachings portrayed in the Scottish Rite Degrees. The Valley of New Castle will, for the first time, perform the new 24° Brother of the Forest.

After a very successful Fall 2010 Reunion, we have just as much work to accomplish with this and every Reunion in the future. We need to work together to allow our great fraternity to grow, and to continue to be discovered by our fellow Blue Lodge Brethren. Share the following "Top Ten Reasons" to join the Scottish Rite with someone in your Lodge. Or, better yet, tell them why you joined! Tell them what the lessons and teachings have meant to you. Tell them of the wonderful fellowship that can only be found within the Scottish Rite.

Someone is waiting for you



to invite him to become
a Scottish Rite Mason . . .
Don't disappoint him.

Friday May 13, 2011
6 pm - Registration
7 pm - 4° Master Traveler
7:45 pm - 5° Perfect Master - <i>Performed by the Venango Lodge of Perfection</i>
8:45 pm - 14° Grand Elect Mason Refreshments and Fellowship
Saturday, May 21, 2011
7:30 am - Registration, Coffee, Doughnuts
8:30 am - 16° Prince of Jerusalem
9:45 am - 18° Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.
11 am - 22° Prince of Labanus Refreshments and Fellowship
1 pm - 24° Brother of the Forest
2:15 pm - 32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
3:45 pm - 31° Knight Aspirant

Top Ten Reasons to Join the Scottish Rite:

- * It is the University of Freemasonry.
- * Scottish Rite Masons are especially honored by family members and others outside the fraternity.
- * It is America's leading sponsor of clinics and centers addressing language disorders in children.
- * It is Freemasonry's leading teacher of Masonic philosophy, ethics, and toleration.
- * It expands opportunities to make connections and forge friendships beyond our community and state.
- * It broadens your fraternal participation and involvement.
- * It offers direct access to some of the best Masonic publications anywhere.
- * It provides unique opportunities for leadership and recognition.
- * It presents a time-proven self study and development program for men.
- * It offers a comfortable and objective format for exploring the great questions of religion and philosophy.



The Valley of New Castle is now on Facebook. Just log in to your account and search for "Valley of New Castle" to join the Group.

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

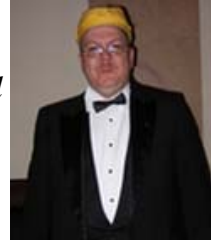
Lodge of Perfection

As we begin a new Scottish Rite Masonic year, I want to thank you for being a valuable member in the Valley of New Castle. I thank each of you for your continued support of the Scottish Rite's charities, events, and functions.

Whether you faithfully attend every stated meeting and event, or only on occasion, you are a valued member. Perhaps you cannot attend as you would like, due to work, health, or distance. My brother, you are the most important of all Scottish Rite Masons. It is **you** that spreads the cement of brotherly love in your occupation, towards your family, and into your neighborhood.

If you simply need a ride to a meeting or function, please contact the Valley Office. We will arrange for another member to pick you up!

Scott A. Tressler, 32°,
Thrice Potent Master



Princes of Jerusalem

Brethren, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Sovereign Prince for this coming year. Our Council will be conducting the meeting in June, and I look forward to taking part in the Spring Reunion. We truly hope to see you ALL there. Believe it or not, summer is almost here! So, it is not too early to talk about the Valley of New Castle Stag Steak Fry, hosted by the New Castle Council Princes of Jerusalem. This year's Steak Fry will be on Wednesday, August 10 at the Tall Cedars Picnic "Coffee" Grounds, at Route 388 & Frew Mill Road, just outside of New Castle, PA. As you may know, the steak fry is open to all Masons and adult males, but tickets are limited to only 150, making this an exclusive event (*buy your tickets early*). Fellowship and snacks begin at 6 pm, the grill will be hot at 7 pm. Tickets are just \$20 each and are available from any Princes of Jerusalem officer or by mailing a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check made payable to: A. A. S. R.

Mail to: Valley of New Castle
110 East Lincoln Avenue
New Castle, PA 16101, Attn: Steak Fry

Edward Scott, 32°,
Sovereign Prince



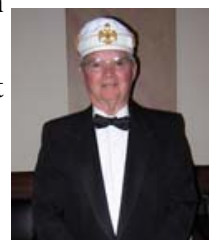
Rose Croix

As the new Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, I would like to thank the members of the Valley of New Castle for their support, confidence, and efforts as we begin a new year with a new slate of officers. I would ask the members of the Valley of New Castle to support the Valley in any way that you can from attending stated meetings, to attending the various family functions, to attending and /or helping with our Spring and Fall Reunions.

Please remember to support the Valley of New Castle and all the various functions that the Valley of New Castle plans for our members and their families. Each and every one of our members help to make us a stronger organization, so please support our Valley of New Castle Consistory, A.A.S.R. in any way that you can.

Be proud of our Masonic Fraternity and be proud to be a member of any Masonic body that you belong to.

Lloyd G. Ward, 33°,
Most Wise Master



Consistory

Brethren,

First, I would like to thank the Valley of New Castle members for the support in electing me as your Commander-in Chief, and I pledge that I will do everything possible to keep your trust in leading the Valley. I look forward to the challenge to keep the Valley of New Castle a “fraternity of choice” in Western Pennsylvania.

The officers would like to increase our membership or at least stop the decline; and schedule degrees in our Reunions that have not been conferred in a long time or conferred at all. We have scheduled the 22° (music labor degree) and 24° (Indian degree), which have not been conferred for a couple of years for the Spring Reunion on Friday, May 13, (4°, 5° & 14°) and on Saturday, May 21 (16°, 18°, 22°, 24°, 31° & 32°). The annual Steak Fry will be held on Wednesday, August 10 which will be sponsored by the Council Princes of Jerusalem, and the next scheduled Valley of New Castle stated meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15.

We would like to help to get members of the Valley the opportunity to fill their A.A.S.R. Passports by seeing all the degrees in a 5-year period. Our degrees are a valuable part of being a member of the Scottish Rite, and everyone should be able to see the degrees in their own Valley. We will publish degree dates for adjacent Valleys so if you want to see or complete your journey, you will have a date and place.

Our Ambassadors will keep all the Symbolic Lodges informed of the events in the Valley as they attend their Blue Lodges regularly. We encourage everyone to review the Valley website frequently to keep informed of everything that is scheduled.

Remember that the Scottish Rite has scholarships available for higher education in colleges and trade schools. Applications are available in the Secretary's office.

We have established a publication schedule for the Clipper so the members will know when to expect to receive their copy in the mail. The Clipper is a notice of the events in the Valley and has information about the Valley events and its members. The publication months will be April, July, October, and January.

The Valley needs more members to become involved in the Reunions and scheduled events. So when an officer or member asks you to help by being a cast member, kitchen or stage worker, sell tickets or just attend an event, please say that you will. We would like you to participate and enjoy the fellowship of your Valley.

As a cost control item, the Valley of New Castle office will now be open four days a week, Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. This was necessary because of the decrease in membership resulting in a decrease of revenue.

As we go forward, we always appreciate input from members for improvement of our Valley and how we can serve you better.

George F. Morrow, 33°,
Commander-in-Chief



Wrapped Up in the Dyslexia Center

Many Congratulations to Illustrious Brother Joseph W. Fennick, 33°, for being featured in the **Northern Light**. Please take a moment to read the article printed on page 20 of the May 2011 edition. The Valley of New Castle is very proud of the hard work and dedication of Brother Fennick. He has labored tirelessly to promote our Dyslexia Center and help raise the funds necessary to keep our center open, thus allowing the Valley of New Castle to change the lives of so many children. We take our hats off to you Brother Fennick!

Hiram's Scottish Riders Motorcycle Club Valley of New Castle

As you may know, we have many exciting trips and events scheduled for this new year. Our next Club meeting will be held at the New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral in the Supreme Council Lounge behind the Valley of New Castle Secretary's Office on May 23rd at 6:30 pm. We are planning a repeat trip to the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon, as well as several new trips and events to support our New Castle Learning Center for Children with Dyslexia.

Please keep in mind that Thursday, July 7, 2011 will be the New Castle Learning Center Bike Night that kicks off the "Flat Stanley" poker run. This is an exciting event where we meet up with the other Hiram's Scottish Riders Clubs from across Pennsylvania.

For details about joining us (we are still accepting charter members), see any member or visit www.valleyofnc.org and click on the "Links" page to learn more about the New Castle Chapter of the Hiram's Scottish Riders Motorcycle Club.



Jeffrey J. Heasley,
President, New Castle HSRMC



14th Annual Meeting in the Hills, Uncle Hiram's Picnic

Friday, June 24, Dawson, PA (just outside of Connellsville in the 30th Masonic District)

Follow *Uncle Hiram's Picnic* Signs

Dinner served promptly at 6 pm, includes 12 oz. New York Strip Steak and all the fixings!

7:30 pm - Special Meeting of King Solomon's Lodge No. 346

Dessert will be served after the meeting

Casual dress - no shorts, blue jeans, or collarless shirts - light jacket recommended

Cost: \$25 - Ticket Deadline, June 20. Order tickets by mailing a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Richard E. Bigley, 107 Ashton Drive, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666 (724-547-2367) email: big@zoominternet.net
Limited tickets also available in the Valley Office. Make checks payable to: *CDS Building Corporation*.

Children's Dyslexia Center

Dear Valley of New Castle Members,

Thank you so much for your generous donations this year to the Children's Dyslexia Center in New Castle. Our Center provides individualized tutoring services to children struggling with reading. The progress students are able to achieve at our Center helps them to become better readers and provides them with the tools to achieve success in school and beyond. Thank you so much for making the decision to become part of the solution for these children.

If you have any questions, would like to visit our Center, or would like more information about other ways you can support the Center, please call 724-654-5408.

Melissa J. Merritt,
Director - Children's Dyslexia Center - New Castle



News From the Sewickley Masonic Homes

On March 28, 2011, the Wm. Slater, II Master Mason's Club at the Masonic Village at Sewickley sponsored a Bowling Outing for male residents at the Star Points Personal Care and Valley Care Masonic Center.

The group of 25 residents, staff, and brethren traveled to Neville Island for a morning of bowling and an enjoyable lunch of pizza and pop.

Many thanks to the following Master Mason's in making this outing a success; Howard Graham, David Rihl, Chuck Paisley, Ralph Dukstein, Ralph Glenn, Nick Tisak, John Grubb, and Sherwood Lennartson.

Tracy Miller, PM

Activities Committee-Master Mason's Club



Your Cathedral Foundation News

The Cathedral Foundation enjoyed a successful year in 2010. The board members are very proud of the accomplishments including needed improvements. The board also understands the need to continue improvements. The Board of Directors are proactive with strategic planning and will continue to implement other improvements.

The architect drawings for the new men's restroom adjacent to the west ladies restroom and lounge are now finalized and will go out for bidding. The men's east side restroom now has handicap accommodation for those in need. Sanitary toilet seat covers are now installed in the restrooms by the generous donation from the ladies of WIMODASIS. The main dining room was also repainted.

Financial support of our projects by the Almira and Hoyt Foundations, and donations from brethren were much appreciated and enabled these things to happen.

The new Board of Directors officers are now Marvin Leby, President; Rob Cummings, Vice President; Karl Chandler, Secretary; and Robert McCracken, Treasurer.

Other board members are James Camp, Phillip Clark, Jr., Jeffrey Heasley, Robert Marziano, George Morrow, Mark Nord, Joseph Proch, Ken Shiderly, Sr., Joseph Weinschenk, and George Wollaston.

Please note that the "kitchen" entrance at the lower portion of the side parking lot is now a **service/delivery entrance only and is closed to the public and general traffic**. We ask that everyone please use the front entrances to enter and exit the building for all events. The new ramp leading to the porch and elevator make the front entrances more easily accessible and safe for everyone. We thank you for your cooperation.

Marvin Leby, President, Cathedral Foundation

Jim Kunselman, Past President, Cathedral Foundation

Hundreds Attend 2011 Stag Fish Fry

On a cold and very snowy March 11, 2011, many Brethren and friends braved the slippery roads to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie of the Annual Stag Fish Fry.

This year's guest speaker, Ill. Brother S. Brent Morris, 33°, was exceptional. Those in attendance were treated to a wonderful talk on Freemasonry. Brother Morris answered many questions concerning the origins of Freemasonry, and addressed the issue of what to tell someone who asks if Freemasonry is a cult.

Afterwards, the fellowship continued downstairs as we enjoyed good food and great fellowship. As always, plenty of food and even more friends made this a very enjoyable event for all in attendance. Mark your calendars now for March 9, 2012, as we begin planning for the next Stag Fish Fry.



Children's Dyslexia Center Golf Scramble

The Sixth Annual Children's Dyslexia Center Golf Scramble is set for Monday, July 25, 2011. Registration at 10:30 am, Lunch at 11:30 am, Shotgun start at 12:30 pm, Dinner at 5:30 pm.

OAKTREE COUNTRY CLUB
48 State Line Road
West Middlesex, PA 16159

4-Person Amateur Scramble, Refreshments on Course, Free Driving Range Use, Skill Prizes, Boxed Lunch, Buffet Dinner by Mecure's.

Early Bird Entry Fee \$90 per player, \$360 per team. Cash Prizes for Winners!

For information or entry forms, contact the Valley office at 724-654-5800 www.valleyofnc.org or contact Brother Dale Perelman, 724-654-9430 mishda@aol.com

All Proceeds Benefit the Children's Dyslexia Center, a 501C Tax Exempt Agency.

**Brother Gordon E. Hensel,
District Deputy Grand Master**

Invites You and Your Family to
The 53rd Masonic District's
Fourth Annual Celebration of

Saint John's Day



Sunday, June 26, 2011

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
159 Todd Avenue • Hermitage

Worship service at 10 a.m.

*Brethren are invited to wear
Masonic dress with aprons & jewels*

Luncheon at 11:15 a.m. with
Brother Raymond T. Dietz
R.W. Junior Grand Warden

*Lunch tickets \$7. Mail your check
no later than June 17 to:
St. Paul's UCC, 159 Todd Ave.,
Hermitage PA 16148*

**We are looking for your pictures and stories to publish in the
Valley of New Castle Clipper and to post on the Valley website: valleyofnc.org**

Please send your articles, pictures, and ideas to the Valley office before June 17. Email: webmaster@valleyofnc.org
or mail to: AASR, Valley of New Castle, 110 E. Lincoln Ave., New Castle, PA 16101-2492

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Meet the New Officers of the Valley of New Castle

Officers of the New Castle Lodge of Perfection, 4° - 14° for 2011-2012

Thrice Potent Master.....Scott A. Tressler, 32°
 Deputy Master.....Jeffrey P. Jackson, 33°
 Senior Warden.....Timothy M. D. Rayner, 32°
 Junior Warden.....Shane F. Connor, 32°
 Orator.....Mark A. Dinus, 32°
 Master of Ceremonies.....Levi R. Harding, III, 32°, M.S.A.
 Captain of the Guard.....Craig A. Negley, Sr., 32°



Officers of the New Castle Council Princes of Jerusalem, 15° - 16° for 2011-2012

Sovereign Prince.....Edward Scott, 32°
 High Priest.....Ronald C. Davies, 32°
 Senior Warden.....Louis A. Irwin, 32°
 Junior Warden.....Joseph E. Stahlman, Jr., 32°
 Master of Ceremonies.....Walter R. Donaldson, 32°
 Master of Entrances.....Arthur L. Eshbaugh, 33°, M.S.A.



Officers of the New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix, 17° - 18° for 2011-2012

Most Wise Master.....Lloyd G. Ward, 33°
 Senior Warden.....James G. Camp, III, 32°
 Junior Warden.....John K. Schwarz, 32°
 Orator.....Glenn R. Krugle, Jr., 32°
 Master of Ceremonies.....Donald W. Mason, 32°
 Master of the Guard.....J. Lawrence Kemp, 32°



Officers of the New Castle Consistory, 19° - 32° for 2011-2013

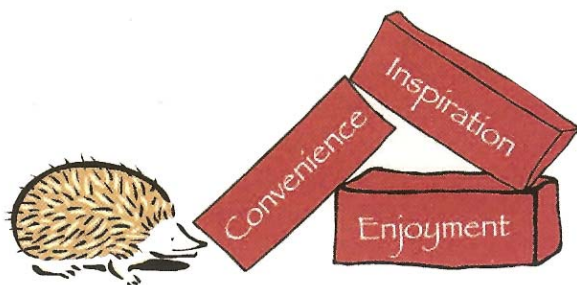
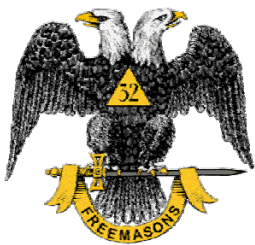
Commander-In-Chief.....George F. Morrow, 33°
 First Lt. Commander.....S. Robert Marziano, Jr., 33°
 Second Lt. Commander.....Charles R. Terwilliger, 33°, M.S.A.
 Treasurer*.....Charles E. Cranmer, 33°, M.S.A.
 Secretary*.....Howard E. Glovier, 33°, M.S.A.
 Trustee *.....Nicholas Vaccarello, 32°, V.S.A.
 Trustee *.....Coy R. Price, 33°
 Trustee *.....Jeffrey J. Heasley, Jr., 32°
 Trustee *.....Harold E. McWhertor, 33°, M.S.A.
 Trustee *.....Richard B. Meredith, 33°
 Orator.....Keith E. Parkinson, 32°
 Chancellor.....Jeffrey P. Jackson, 33°
 Hospitaler*.....Levi R. Harding, III, 32°, M.S.A.
 Engineer & Seneschal.....Albert A. Grossman, 32°, M.S.A.
 Standard Bearer.....Mark E. Viertel, 32°
 Master of Ceremonies.....Mark R. Nord, 32°
 Captain of the Guard.....Kevin A. Griffin, 32°
 Tyler*.....Howard D. Matthews, 32°, M.S.A.
 Director of Ritualistic Work*.....Karl H. Chandler, III, 33°, M.S.A.
 Master of Wardrobe*.....Charles E. Cranmer, 33°, M.S.A.
 Chairman, Food Committee*.....Louis H. Hill, Jr., 33°, M.S.A.
 Co-Chairman, Food Committee*...Michael R. Matis, 32°, M.S.A.



* Denotes that office serves all four Scottish Rite bodies

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Valley of New Castle 2011 Schedule of Events

May 13	Spring Reunion Begins - <i>See Front Page</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	6 pm
May 21	Spring Reunion Concludes - <i>See Front Page</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 am
June 15	Stated Meeting - <i>Princes of Jerusalem</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
June 24	Meeting in the Hills - \$25 <i>Uncle Hiram's Picnic - 30th Masonic District</i>	Dawson, PA	6 pm
June 26	Saint John's Day Worship Service	St. Paul's United Church of Christ <i>Hermitage, PA</i>	10 am
July 7-9	Flat Larry's Poker Run for Dyslexia	New Castle, PA	
July 9-10	PA Council of Deliberation	Seven Springs, PA	
July 25	Children's Dyslexia Center Golf Scramble	Oaktree Country Club	11:30 am
August 10	Annual Stag Steak Fry <i>- Council of the Princes of Jerusalem</i>	Tall Cedars "Coffee" Grounds	TBA
August 27	Meridian Lodge No. 411 Golf Outing	Rolling Hills Golf Course	8:30 am
September 21	Stated Meeting - <i>Lodge of Perfection</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
October 6	Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra - <i>Classical Favorites</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	8 pm
October 22	Oktoberfest - <i>Lodge of Perfection</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	6 pm
November 11	Fall 2011 Valley Reunion Begins	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	TBA
November 19	Fall 2011 Valley Reunion Concludes	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	TBA
December 9	Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra - <i>Holiday Pops!</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	8 pm
December 10	Christmas Party - <i>Rose Croix</i>	NC 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 secretary@valleyofnc.org if you would like to volunteer for a committee. Visit the Valley website at www.valleyofnc.org for more details and the most up-to-date schedule of events.

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