



AASR VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE



# The Valley Clipper

January 2025



## ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES & SAUSAGE

Buttermilk Pancakes, Buckwheat Pancakes, Sausage & Drinks

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**

**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:**

**By Mailing A Self-Addressed  
Stamped Envelope With Your  
Check Payable To: A.A.S.R.**

**To:**

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



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



Fraternal Greetings Brethren,

With the holidays passed, a lot of good things are continuing in our Valley. We have lots of Member activities planned for 2025, along with our building anniversary in June and the Council of Deliberation held here in our building in July.

We are continuing to move our Great Valley forward in many ways. We need your help by supporting the events when possible.

Come out to some extra degree work or a Stated Meeting to meet some new friends and enjoy the greatest Fraternity in the world.

If you need anything, please call me at 724-290-7317 or contact the Valley Secretary at 724-654-5800. Don't forget to follow us on facebook.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

## *1st Lt. Commander's Message*



Brethren,

Hopefully everyone had a great Holiday Season and had the opportunity to catch up with family and friends!

Always remember, be on the lookout for men to join our Great Fraternity. Your Blue Lodges and your Valley depend on the existing members to grow and strengthen this Great Fraternity which we all love.

Cheers to a prosperous and healthy 2025!

Sincerely and fraternally,

**Ill. Quient A. Anderson, 33°, 1st Lt. Commander - New Castle Consistory**

## *Valley Secretary's Message*



Greetings Brethren,

Another year has come to an end and a new one begins. Let's take this time to evaluate what we have done for Free Masonry in this last year and what we will do for Free Masonry in this upcoming year.

Society needs the values and guidance of Free Masonry more now than ever. Do you know a young man who could benefit from these values? Have you asked them to join a Blue Lodge? It is now permissible to ask them to join. Do you know a brother who is a Mason, but stopped going to Lodge for a reason that you may be able to assist with? For example, they are not comfortable driving at night, could you offer to pick them up and take them with you? Masonry is the oldest Fraternal Organization on Earth and that must have a reason. The power of Brethren working together towards a worthy goal has tremendous energy behind it.

This is the 100th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Cathedral, there will be a lot of activities this year to celebrate this achievement, I hope you will be able to come out and celebrate this building and what it stands for in the history of Free Masonry.

I hope to see you this year at one of the many Masonic Events throughout the year. I wish good luck and good health to each of you in this New Year.

Sincerely & fraternally,

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

## *Most Wise Master's Message*

Brethren,

Looking back since my last article, I hope everyone enjoyed the amazing Fall weather and beautiful colors of the leaves as they changed.

Our Valley was very busy last fall, with many opportunities for our members. From horse races to Reunions to Christmas Parties, just to name a few. Thank you to the Officers and Members who worked so hard to make these events successful.

Now we have new and exciting events for January, February, and March 2025. It starts with a Testimonial Dinner for our own brother, the Illustrious Keith E. Parkinson, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of New Castle, and the Deputy for the State of Pennsylvania for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America. Please come out and enjoy the evening as we celebrate brother Keith's new appointment on January, 11, 2025 from 4:30 pm until 8:30 pm. \$80.00 per couple.

At our Stated Meeting on January 15, 2025, dinner starts at 6:00 pm. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm, and is hosted by the New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix. It will be my first time to run a Stated Meeting, come out and see how it goes. I would appreciate the support. During the meeting the ladies will be entertained with a dice game and prizes, plus different type of hot chocolate and a special dessert. It should be a lot of fun.

Saturday, January 18, 2025, from noon until 6:00 pm will be our Pancake and Sausage Dinner. All you can eat for just \$10. Last year we served over 400 people. This year our Commander-in-Chief's goal is 500. Let's invite our relatives, neighbors, and friends so we can achieve our goal and allow Don Paul to sign an even bigger check for the Children's Dyslexia Center.

February 8, 2025 is the Valley Bowling Event, located at Ten Pin Bowling Center, Hermitage, PA. It is from noon until 2:00 pm. I've had the privilege of attending this event with my grandchildren for the last two years. A great time was had by all. Make your reservations early, as we are limited to 100 bowlers.

Now it's time to score some points with your sweetheart. On February 15, 2025, the day after Valentine's Day there will be an excellent dinner at 5:00 pm. After that Brother Bob Cordray from Chateau Cordray Winery, will present a program on wine and chocolate pairing. He has it down to an art form. You will learn and enjoy at the same time. Limited to 25 couples. The cost is \$60 a couple.

That brings us to March 19, 2025, our Stated Meeting hosted by the Scottish Rite Consistory. Dinner at 6:00 pm and the meeting at 7:30 pm. The agenda is the presentation of Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year. This is a great opportunity to show support for our new Valley Officers.

The Annual Stag Fish Fry on March 28, 2025 starts at 6:30 pm. You will get a fish dinner with all the fixings plus a program for just \$10. Our speaker is Thomas White. He is going to talk about a Southwest Pennsylvania Mystery, the Lore of the Monongahela Ghost Bomber.

By being a Scottish Rite Mason, you belong to the greatest Fraternal Organization in the world. Please come out to these events and enjoy the camaraderie of seeing old friends, making new friends, and sharing your time with like minded Brothers.

Sincerely and fraternally,

**Bro. William B. Bittinger, 32°,MSA Most Wise Master - New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix**



## *Sovereign Prince's Message*

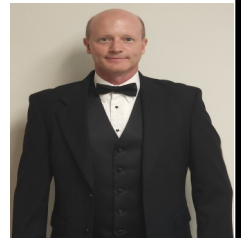
Brethren,

With the closing of 2024 and looking forward to the New Year, I can't help but think how fortunate we are for commitment that Members and Officers have for our Valley.

I also appreciate the support that was given to me this year and look forward to the work in 2025.

Sincerely and fraternally,

**Bro. Frank M. Morgan, 32°, Sovereign Prince - New Castle Princes of Jerusalem**



## *Thrice Potent Master's Message*

Brethren,

The year 2024 is over and we had a lot of great events. There are many more to come in 2025.

The Officers are at the end of their term of office this coming March. A new line will take over for the 2025 year, but events are still set for these Officers to continue the work.

Next year is the 100th Anniversary of our great building, along with the 175th Anniversary of Mahoning New Castle Lodge 243, and the Pennsylvania C.O.D. coming to New Castle, along with great things at our Valley.

Come and enjoy fellowship at the events and Stated Meetings.

If we are to prosper, we need to grow. It is your Valley; we need you brother, to help by assisting at functions and meetings. Remember, there is no "I" in team, but we all must do our part, to keep this Great Valley going.

May we have great times and fellowship

Sincerely and fraternally,

**Bro. Robert E. Allison, 32° - Thrice Potent Master - New Castle Lodge of Perfection**



# 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

Ill. Robert C. Sisco, 33°, MSA – 10-22-24

David A. Anderson – 10-17-24

Robert N. Bauman – 8-29-23

Bernard C. Bowser, Sr. – 8-29-24

O. Gaylard Bowser – 11-11-24

Richard L. Brewer – 11-8-24

Paul Farkas – 11-21-24

Robert F. Grabbe, Sr. - 9-24-24

Rodney W. Hockenberry – 11-18-24

Dale A. Jennings – 11-21-24

Robert F. Kimpel – 11-20-24

Stephen R. Leslie – 5-18-24

William C. Manbeck – 10-16-24

William M. Mesol – 11-9-24

Robert J. Morrison – 10-23-22

Edward W. Osburn – 10-29-24

Joseph C. Reitingner – 6-19-24

Darryl E. Ruby, Sr. – 9-29-24

Robert M. Showers – 8-24-24

Dale D. Steffy – 8-30-24

Vernon L. Wise, Jr. – 11-14-24

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. \$15 per person.**



**January 15, 2025**

**March 12, 2025**

**June 18, 2025**

**October 15, 2025**



## 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. Keith E. Parkinson, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania**



COME CELEBRATE WITH US!  
★ SAVE THE DATE! ★

ILLUSTRIOUS KEITH  
PARKINSON'S  
TESTIMONIAL  
DINNER  
PARTY

● JANUARY 11TH, 2025 ●

4:00PM - 8:30PM

SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL  
NEW CASTLE, PA

Catered Dinner By Medures  
Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar  
Live Jazz Band

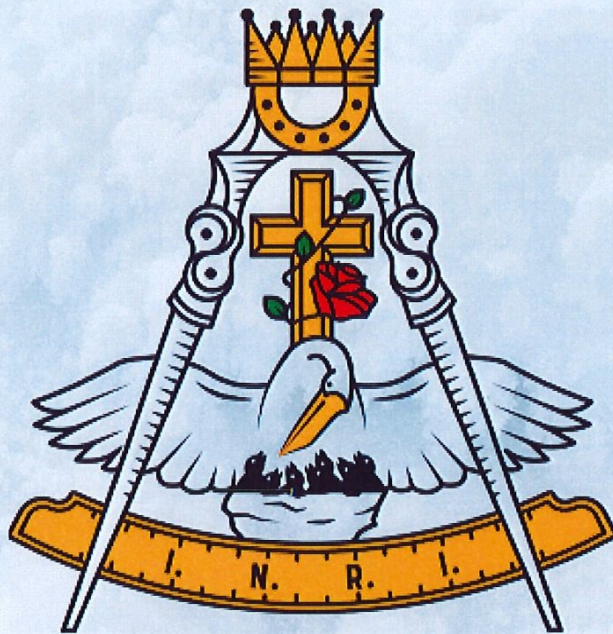
Cost is \$50 per Person | \$80 Per Couple  
Limit of 100 People  
Black Tie Attire

RSVP's must be made  
by January 1st, 2025

Call the Secretary's Office to RSVP  
724-654-5800



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!**  
**VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE**  
**ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE**  
**JANUARY STATED MEETING**



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2025 7:30PM**  
**DINNER 6:00-7:00PM**

The New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix Officers are presiding over this meeting.

A program will be offered for the ladies during the Stated Meeting.

**DINNER COST: \$15**

**PLEASE RSVP FOR  
DINNER WITH THE SECRETARY'S  
OFFICE AT 724-654-5800**

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# **FAMILY BOWLING DAY**



**Free Event, Limited to 100 People**

**Package includes:**

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

**Saturday, February 8th, 2025 12:00pm - 2:00pm**

**10 Pin Alley Bowling Center**

**3825 E State Street, Hermitage, PA 16148**

**Call the office at 724-654-5800, or email  
secretary033@yahoo.com to RSVP by January 31, 2025**



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# Valley of New Castle Scottish Rite Wine & Chocolate

*Tasting*



**February 15th, 2025**

Limit of 25 Couples (50 People)

**\$30 Per Person**

Wine and Chocolate pairing  
event, presented by Bob  
Cordray from Chateau  
Cordray Winery

Dinner Catered by Gallo's  
Italian Buffet

**Call the Office to RSVP**

**RSVP's must be made by  
February 8th, 2025**

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# STAG FISH FRY 2025

March 28th, 2025 | 6:30 PM


Tickets: \$10

**Tickets must be purchased in advance. Deadline for ticket sales is March 21st, 2025**

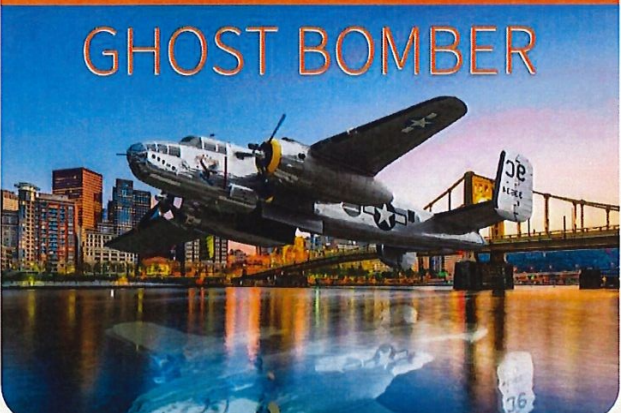
Thomas White will be returning this year as our Guest Speaker. He will be presenting the lore of the Monongahela Ghost bomber.

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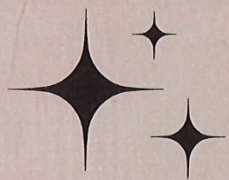
**MONONGAHELA**  
LECTURE SERIES  
presented by:  
**TOM WHITE**



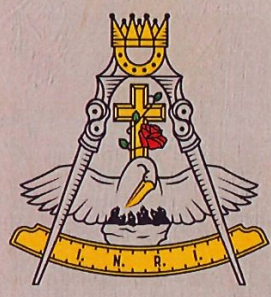
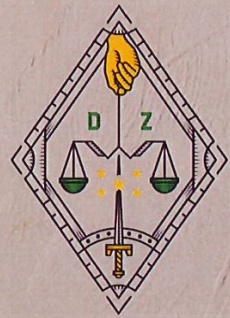
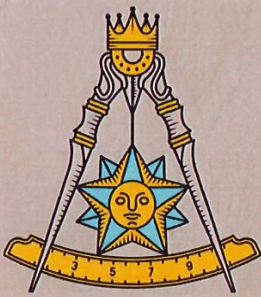
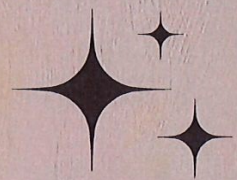
**GHOST BOMBER**







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**SCOTTISH RITE**  
**MARCH STATED**  
**MEETING**



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2025 7:30PM**  
**DINNER 6:00-7:00PM**

Women's program after dinner

The Election of Officers for all 4 Bodies at the Valley of New Castle will be held this meeting.

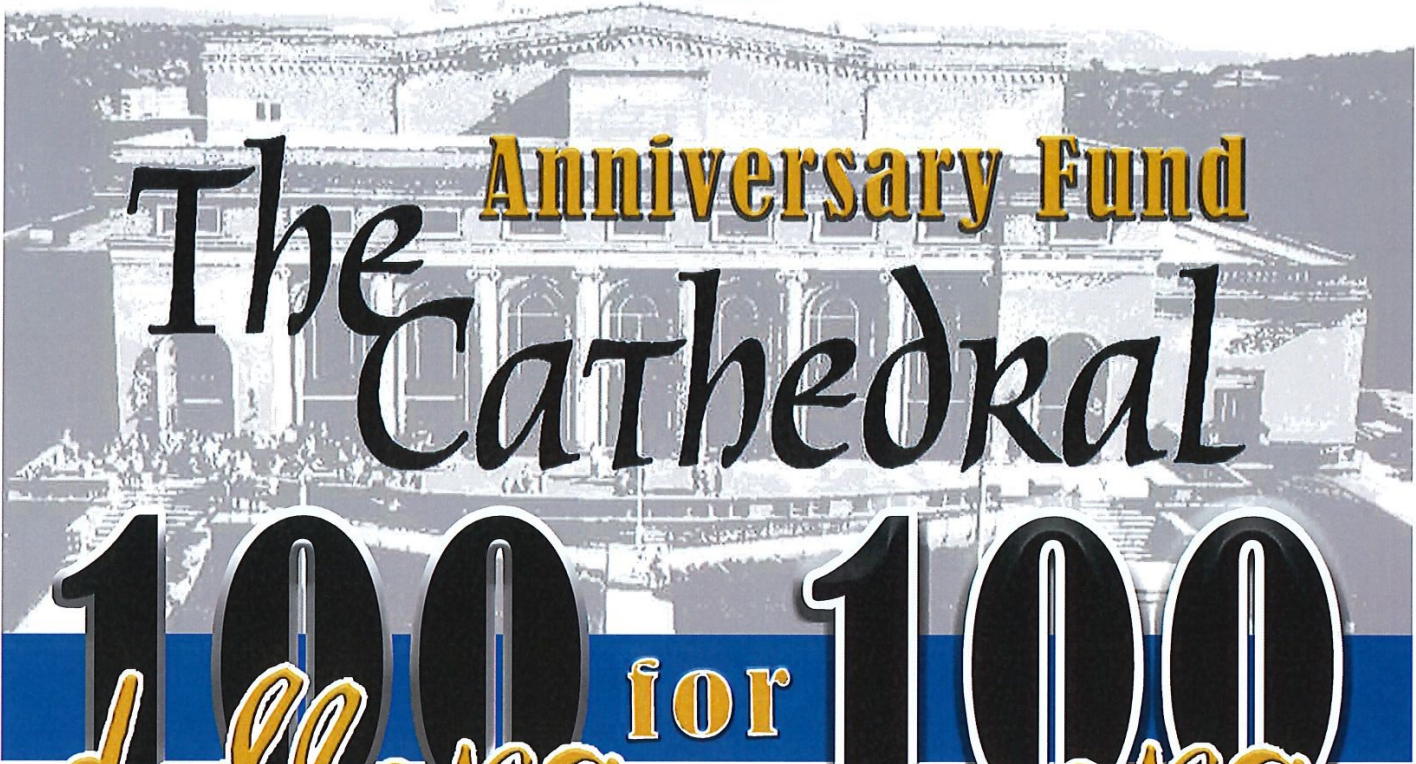
**DINNER COST: \$15**  
**WOMEN'S PROGRAM COST: FREE**

**PLEASE RSVP FOR WOMEN'S PROGRAM**  
**AND DINNER WITH THE SECRETARY'S**  
**OFFICE AT 724-654-5800**



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# The Anniversary Fund The Cathedral

# 100 dollars for 100 years

***Celebrate our history  
and reimagine the future with one gift!***

With your help, the 100th Anniversary Cathedral Fund is embracing the potential of The Cathedral as a vibrant community and performing arts center in 2025!

All contributions are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to:  
The Cathedral Foundation, 110 E. Lincoln Avenue, New Castle, PA, 16101.

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Donate online.

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Please add me to the mailing list for more information on upcoming anniversary events!  
 Please send more information on naming opportunities.

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*Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events*

Jan 8	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
Jan 15	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 PM
Jan 18	Pancake & Sausage Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	12-6 PM
Feb 5	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
Feb 8	Family Fun Day	Hermitage, PA	12-2 PM
Mar 5	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
Mar 19	Stated Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 PM
Mar 28	Stag Fish Fry	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 PM
Apr 2	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
Apr 17	33°, MSA, VSA Spring Dinner	Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 PM
May 7	Executive Meeting	Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:00 PM
May 10	Hawaiian Shirt Day	Scottish Rite Cathedral	12:00 PM
June 13	100th Anniversary of Cathedral	Scottish Rite Cathedral	TBA

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](mailto:secretary033@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer for a committee. Visit the Valley website: [www.srvnc.org](http://www.srvnc.org) for more details & the most up-to-date schedule of events.

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“Helping Good Men to Become Better Men.”