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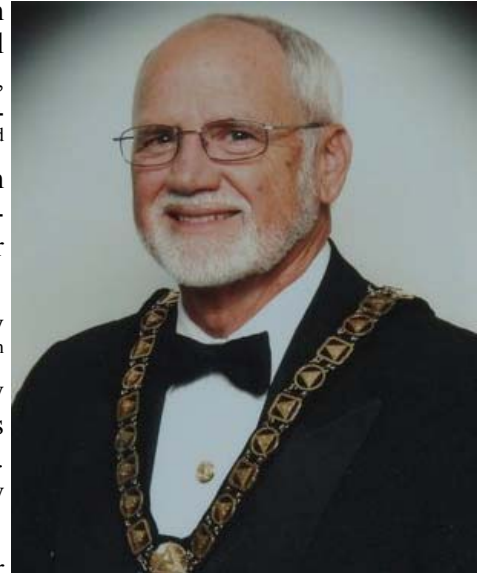
Russell W. Baker Spring Reunion Class

The Valley of New Castle will have a Spring Reunion on Friday May 11, 2012 when the 4th and 14th degrees will be conferred. An Open House will be held on Sunday, May 13, from 1-7 pm. The reunion will continue Saturday, May 19, when the 16th, 18th, 26th, 25th, 31st, and 32nd degrees will be conferred and a banquet will be held in the evening to honor our guest, Illustrious Brother Russell W. Baker, Deputy of Pennsylvania, Active Member of Supreme Council.

The 26th degree is a new degree and will be conferred by a degree team from the Valley of Coudersport. The 25th degree is a degree that we have not conferred in New Castle before, so plan to attend and see two degrees which have not been conferred in New Castle previously. It is a good time to remember your Passports and get new stamps.

Petitions are needed so we can have a nice size class for the Russell W. Baker Spring Reunion. Remember to ask a Symbolic Lodge member to join the Fraternity of Choice "Scottish Rite Freemasonry" and enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership in the Valley of New Castle.

Dinner will be \$15 per person and Ladies are invited. Reservations are required and must be made by May 13, 2012. Tickets will be sold at the May 11 Reunion and May 13 Open House. Reservations can be made by calling the Secretary's office at 724-654-5800 or by email to secretary@valleyofnc.org Checks should be made payable to "Valley of New Castle AASR" and memo noted for Reunion dinner.



Open House May 13

We encourage all members to take advantage of the Open House at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on May 13. Picnic food will be available during the day and a ham buffet dinner will be available from 5:30 to 6:30 pm for \$15 with reservations by May 7, 2012. Dress will be casual, and your whole family is welcome to visit and tour the Cathedral. Guides will be provided. You can also hear our Cathedral organ though-out the day. Information tables on all the Appendant Masonic bodies will be in the lobby to answer any questions you may have.

Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Quarterly Communications

The June Communication of Grand Lodge will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 10 am in the New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral, and the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter June Communication will be held on Friday, June 15, 2012 at 2 pm, also in the New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral. A joint banquet for the two Masonic Groups will be on Friday, June 15, 2012. The social hour will begin at 4:30 pm in the Ballroom and the dinner will be served at 5:30 pm in the Main Dining Room, New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral. Tickets for the banquet and social hour will be available thru the Secretary, Valley of New Castle at a cost of \$45 each. If you want to make a Lodge or group complete table reservation, they will be available for 8 or 10 people. All reservations must be received by May 25, 2012. Complete information should be available from your local Lodge or Chapter Secretary. Plan to attend this historical event.

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:

- III. John William McNaughton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander
- III. Russell W. Baker, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania

Thrice Potent Master's Message

Greetings Brethren, I welcome the opportunity to serve again as a presiding officer for the Valley of New Castle. The New Castle Lodge of Perfection will be very busy this year as we prepare for the Spring and Fall Reunions, the October 17th stated meeting, and the Oktoberfest on October 27. I look forward to serving the members along with the other elected and appointed Lodge of Perfection officers. There are many people that work very hard to make the Valley's events possible. I wish to Thank All of You that make the extra effort!

Jeffrey P. Jackson, 33°,
Thrice Potent Master



Sovereign Prince's Message

As I write this final message for the news letter, I wish to thank all those who helped me in the past year. My illness has been a problem, but I do thank those of you who stepped up to help me out. It is my wish that you help my successor, Brother Ronald C. Davies, 32° this year, and that Scottish Rite will grow in the Valley of New Castle. Thank You!

Edward Scott, 32°,
Outgoing Sovereign Prince



I would like to thank the Brethren for electing me to serve as Sovereign Prince of the New Castle Council of Princes of Jerusalem. We will be conducting the meeting in June, which will be held at a site away from the Cathedral. (possibly Chicora or Elwood City.) It is not too early to remind you of the Valley of New Castle Annual Steak Fry on Wednesday the 9th of August at the Tall Cedars Grounds at the intersection of Rt. 388 and Frew Mill Road. The Steak Fry is open to all Masons and adult men. Tickets will be \$20 per person and can be purchased from any Officer of the Princes of Jerusalem, or by mailing a self-addressed envelope to the office along with your check to the Valley of New Castle at 110 Lincoln Ave., New Castle, PA 16101. Hurry and get your tickets as we will limit the number sold to 125. Enjoy great food and fellowship!

Ronald C. Davies, 32°
Incoming Sovereign Prince



Most Wise Master's Message

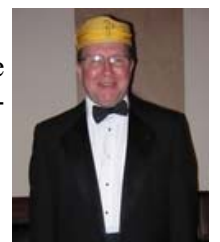
I sincerely hope you all had a meaningful Lenten season and a joyous Easter Day as our order is exemplified by Jesus, the Savior of the world. Also, I hope you were able to enjoy the silent film production of Ben-Hur here at the Cathedral. These film productions are getting more popular each time and are a great benefit to the Organ Fund.

As the days get longer and warmer, don't forget about the Spring Reunion on May 11th and 19th, and our open house on Sunday, May 13th. There will be a dinner with reservations needed, details can be found on front page.

In Rose Croix news, the Chapter presided over the Valley meeting on January 18th in Mercer. Many thanks to the Worshipful Master and other officers for their hospitality.

A special thank you to our past Most Wise Master, Illustrious Brother Lloyd G. Ward, 33°, whose constant dedication to Freemasonry in both the Valley and York Rite has inspired many men, including myself.

James G. Camp, III, 32°,
Most Wise Master



Commander-In-Chief's Message

Spring is here and the country will come alive with new growth. The trees were dormant for the winter and now rejuvenation occurs and we should also rejuvenate Scottish Rite Freemasonry. I cannot think of a better way to start than to attend the Spring Reunion on May 11, 13, and 19. We will present two new degrees on Saturday March 19: FIRST the 26^o "Friend and Brother Eternal", which portrays a true incident during the American Civil War which teaches that partisan strife does not dissolve our Masonic obligations and that the virtues of brotherhood give rise to good citizenship; and SECOND, the 25^o "Master of Achievement" which dramatizes events in the life of Brother Benjamin Franklin, and shows us that an industrious life benefits not only ourselves but also humanity. Both offer moral lessons which we should all emulate. The Spring Reunion Class will be named after our Deputy for Pennsylvania, Illustrious Brother Russell W. Baker, 33^o, Active Member of Supreme Council. We will be having a Spring Reunion banquet to honor him on May 19. Reservation should be made with the Secretary's Office by May 11.

Spring also brings new elected officers to the Valley as we held our annual election at the stated meeting March 21 and elected officers for the Council Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lodge of Perfection. We also elected a new Trustee, as well as First and Second Lt. Commanders in the Consistory. Join me to congratulate our new officers and give them all your support. It was also a pleasure to recognize the Past Presiding Officers of all four Scottish Rite Bodies in New Castle at the meeting. We should always remember those that have gone before and blazed a trail to make our travel easier.

The Fish Fry was a huge success as Brother Halleran shared his knowledge and research with over 250 brethren concerning Freemasonry and the American Civil War including the story of Lewis Armistead and General Hancock at Gettysburg. Captain Bingham was in the field of battle, and the legend is that Armistead gave the Masonic Sign of Distress which Captain Bingham responded as is portrayed in the Friend to Friend Memorial created by our Grand Lodge in Gettysburg. Next year the Fish Fry will be on Friday March 8, 2013, and the speaker will be Brother Patrick Craddock who will inform us on "*Admit Him if Properly Clothed: The Evolution of the Masonic Apron in America; 1740 to Present.*"

The Pancake and Sausage Fundraising Dinner in January was again a major source of revenue for our Children's Learning Center. Over 700 people enjoyed the dinner and the event netted over six thousand dollars.

I would like to congratulate the three brethren who were installed District Deputy Grand Masters in our area: Brother Wayne D. Frankenstein for the 26th District replacing retiring DDGM Nord; Brother Emilio V. Sforza for the 27th District replacing retiring DDGM Johnson; and Brother William A. Moisey for the 37th District replacing retiring DDGM Krugle. We wish all the new District Deputies success in their endeavors, and we will support their efforts any way we can. All the new and retiring Brethren are Scottish Rite Masons.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master has made an objective to have Open Houses for the Fraternity during the year to invite the public into our facilities and provide information; we have scheduled an open house in the Scottish Rite Cathedral on May 13 from 2-7 pm. Since it is Mother's Day, we will have a ham buffet dinner available from 5:30-6:30 pm with advanced reservations. Details are available on the front page of this Clipper. I ask all the Brethren to use this opportunity to invite worthy men who are not Masons and all your family members to attend. All the Masonic organizations will have information tables to answer any questions. We will have brief organ programs throughout the day for your listening pleasure. Dress will be casual with picnic food and drinks available during the day in the lobby from 3-6 pm.

The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, USA will celebrate "*200 Years of Brotherhood*" in 2013. The official celebration period is from August 5, 2012 thru December 31, 2013. We will have programs, incentives, novelties and special events to support this celebration, so keep watching the Clipper for important dates. There will be a presentation about the celebration at the June 20, 2012 Valley Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm in the Chicora Masonic Temple.

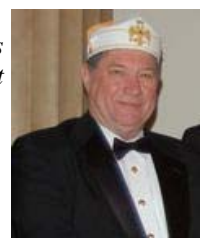
The January Stated meeting in Mercer was very well attended and the major accomplishment was the approval of the proposed By-Laws. Now we have a workable document to use. The current By-Laws are on our website for all to review and consult if necessary. You can request a copy from the Secretary's Office for a nominal fee.

The New Castle High Twelve Club is now a reality and will provide a place for members to meet and discuss Masonic topics at High Noon until 1 pm the first Wednesday of each month except December and on National Holidays. The Charter Members received their Charter at the Stated Meeting on April 4, 2012.

Please review the article on page 8 about our New Membership Cards. There is an explanation of what it is and now it will replace your annual dues card.

Thought for the quarter is a traditional Irish Blessing: "*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may the Grand Architect of the Universe hold you in the palm of His hand*"

George F. Morrow, 33^o,
Commander-in-Chief



Children's Dyslexia Center of Western Pennsylvania

Dyslexia is a neurological disorder of the brain and is estimated to affect 15% or more than two million school age children in the USA. Dyslexia can create difficulties with reading, writing, spelling, as well as listening, thinking, talking, and arithmetic. These problems can lead to emotional problems and a low self-esteem throughout life. There is no cure for dyslexia and it cannot be outgrown.

An example of a dyslexic child is one sitting at his or her desk looking down at an open book as other classmates read aloud. The child's forehead wrinkles, eyes squint, but the letters and words appear jumbled, twisted, and mean nothing. The child grips the book tighter, holds his or her breath, and hopes the teacher will not call on him or her.

In eight years of operation, 193 students have been enrolled, averaging 24 students per year. Ideally, children are in school two to three years. We have advanced and graduated 69 students. We are extremely proud that currently five graduates are enrolled in colleges. We have also trained and certified 24 tutors. The annual cost to tutor each student is over \$5000.

Our Children's Dyslexia Learning Center has average annual budget of \$90,000 per year. Balanced budgets have been met each year through fundraisers and donations averaging \$60,000 per year with the balance paid by corporate allocations from the Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc.

You can join a special group of Masons and organizations that have made a solid commitment to preserve the operation of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Western Pennsylvania, located in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in New Castle.

The goal of our Board of Governors is to endow the Children's Dyslexia Center of Western Pennsylvania to assure it continues operating into the future. The means of doing this is to have concerned individuals, organization, companies, and Lodges to become a member of the BUILDER'S COUNCIL. One hundred percent of your donation stays at our local Learning Center. Direct your inquiries and enrollment form (on the right) to Jim Kunselman at 724-658-1056.

The winner of the Steeler's quilt Raffle on February 5, 2012 was Clint LaFever.

Don't forget the \$1000 Gift Card Basket Raffle on July 23, 2012 and the 5k Walk/Run on October 2, 2012.

**OCTOBER IS NATIONAL
DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH**

R.I.P.

Yes, please enroll the following new member into the Builders Council:

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact Name: _____
(if applicable)

Name for recognition purposes:

Please complete reverse side of card.

Level of Membership

Builders Council (\$10,000)

Teddy Bear Society

Teddy Bear (\$25,000)

Crystal Teddy Bear (\$50,000)

Bronze Teddy Bear (\$100,000)

Silver Teddy Bear (\$250,000)

Gold Teddy Bear (\$500,000)



Method of Enrollment

Pledge/Donation

Payable over: 3 years 5 years 10 years

Annually Semi-annually Quarterly Monthly*

**Monthly payments may be made only through EFT or credit card gifts*

Beginning date: _____

Payment enclosed (make check payable to: CDC)

Additional Payment Options

Credit Card EFT (please attach a voided check)

MasterCard Visa Amex

Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Bequest

Please attach a copy of specific designation from will

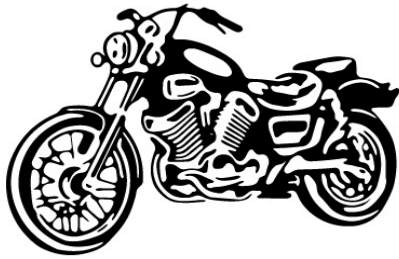
For residuary bequests:

I confirm that this bequest meets or exceeds \$10,000

Annuity

Annuitant name(s) and birthdate(s):

*July 12, 2012 - Hiram's Scottish Riders
Bike Night*



Meet at New Castle Harley Davidson to welcome Hiram's Scottish Riders Motorcycle Club. Police escorted ride at 6:30 pm to the New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral. Cathedral doors

open at 6 pm, buffet dinner at 6:30 pm, Chinese Auction 6-8:30 pm, DJ Entertainment, Family Fun, Games, 50/50. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under.

Pledge Donors: You can help our Learning Center raise money by making a pledge donation.

Sponsors: You can help by choosing one of our Triathlon Sponsor options such as Froggy 95 commercial sponsorship or by making a Silent Auction donation.

Chinese Auction: Ticket sales for baskets will begin at 6 pm. All basket winners will be drawn Thursday, July 12, 2012. Winner does not need to be present to win.

Contact and Hiram's Scottish Riders member for details. Or call the Learning Center at 724-654-5408.

All proceeds benefit the Children's Dyslexia Center of Western Pennsylvania, a 501C tax exempt agency.

July 23, 2012 - 7th Annual Golf Scramble

Oaktree Country Club in West Middlesex, PA. Early Bird Entry Fee \$90 per player, \$360 per team. 4-person amateur scramble. Refreshments on course. Free Driving Range Use. Boxed Lunch. Skill Prizes.



Cash Prizes for Winners!

For Additional Information contact:

- Dale Perelman 724-654-9430 or mishda@aol.com
- Coy Price 724-730-1911
- Bill Donley 724-846-5457
- John Frangakis 724-646-2600

Registration at 10:30 am; Lunch at 11:30 am; Shotgun at 12:30 pm; Dinner at 5:30 pm.

Sponsors: \$150 Program Listing and Signage. \$500 Program Listing, Signage and 4-Person Team. \$1,000 All of the above plus Special Listing

For a registration form, visit valleyofnc.org or contact the Valley office at 724-654-5800.

All proceeds benefit the Children's Dyslexia Center of Western Pennsylvania, a 501C tax exempt agency.

Summoned to Join the Grand Architect of the Universe

The following Brethren were reported deceased since our last stated meeting through February 2012.

Solemn strikes the fun'ral 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 fun'ral 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. John Robert Pearsall, 33°, M.S.A.
- Bartholomew, Russell Wayne
- Beebe, Kenneth Leroy
- Criswell, Chris Martin Joseph
- Furnival, Joseph Alfred
- Gearhart Jr., William Sharp
- Hoover, Delbert Kenneth
- Martin, Kenneth William
- Monnier, Harry Edward
- Savich, Bryan D.
- Stafford, Harold Lavern
- Walker, Glenn Arlington
- Wilson Jr., Warren Spencer

- Anderson, John Lester
- Baumgardner, Ernest Dean
- Boles, John Raymond
- Ferlin, Frank Gaylord
- Gaiser, Brian Lee
- Headley, Gary Lewis
- James, John Douglas
- McCandless, Alvin Dale
- Neely, James Edwin
- Slezak, Elmer George
- Stemmerich, Thomas Edward
- Walker, Rex Leroy

- Baden Jr., Joseph
- Bayne, Donald D.
- Brown Sr., James Francis
- Ferrari, Eugene Kenneth
- Gamble Jr., William Lester
- Hendren, William Clyde
- Jamieson, Donald Gene
- McMichael, Charles Edward
- Palatka, Andrew Arthur
- Small, Herman R.
- Strawbridge, Edward Lynn
- Wertz Jr., Harry Oliver



Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra At The Scottish Rite Cathedral



It is time to take advantage of the unique opportunity to see three new and enjoyable events scheduled for the Scottish Rite Cathedral by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. The three concerts planned for the 2012-2013 season are as follows:

First Concert is November 19, 2012, which will be a **Beatles Tribute with the Classical Mystery Tour**. The Classical Mystery Tour takes the stage with a special tribute to the Beatles' acclaimed album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band- the first rock album to ever win a Grammy for Album of the Year. Hear your favorite Beatles hits performed by a group of performers that look, sound and act just like John, Paul, George and Ringo, along with your Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra!

Second Concert is February 16, 2013, which will be a concert of **Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky**. The Performance will be Mussorgsky's well-known tone poem which tells the story of a witches' Sabbath near Kiev, its theme made more famous by Disney's 1940 film Fantasia. Russian powerhouse Denis Matsuev showcases a Russian masterpiece, Rachmaninoff's well-known Piano Concerto No. 2. Tchaikovsky's exciting Symphony No. 5 is even more electrifying when guided by the baton of Music Director, Manfred Honeck.

Third Concert is May 23, 2013, which will be the **Music of John Williams**. The Performance will be the music of John Williams who is perhaps the most famous movie music composer of all time. His iconic melodies have been heard in Star Wars, E.T., Olympic Fanfare, Harry Potter and more. Hear why this composer is a five-time Academy Award winner and a celebrity in his own right.

Everyone should consider a Scottish Rite Cathedral package for all three concerts. If enough members have an interest, the Valley can arrange for Group Tickets at a discount. There are other promotions that can lower the cost of the tickets. Call the Secretary and let him know of your interest and someone will contact you with information. Visit the PSO web site for more information or call 412-392-4900 for additional information. Remember to promote the liberal arts and by that means mark our superiority and distinction.

Legion of Honor News

Dear Brothers of the Legion,

This year as Commander is half over, and I wish to share a few thoughts and thank you's to those who have stepped up to help. First, the Christmas Party could not have been such a success if not for all the folks that stepped up and volunteered for seating, country store, Santa's gifts, and shopping. All a great effort, thanks!

I wish to extend a special thank you to Brother Dennis Wallace (AKA, Mr. Big from the North Pole). This is the second year he has filled that role. The kids young and old enjoyed his visit with us.

We have had very positive feedback about having the Christmas Party in the afternoon. At the March meeting, we began plans for this year's party. The date is now set for **December 15 at 1300 (1 pm)**. This is a change from previously sent information, please make note of the change. This change is due to events outside of the Legion's control.

We have our next meeting on the first Thursday in May. Then our Family Picnic will be held at the Mercer Shrine Grounds on June 7 at 1800 (6 pm) social time, dinner at 1830. Meat, drinks, and strawberry dessert will be provided. When members respond to the notice in May, covered dish assignments will be given. After dinner, we will have a short meeting.

This should be a nice way to begin the summer please plan to attend.

I wish to send a special Thank You to the members that responded to our call to "round-up" their dues for the Learning Center. Our total so far this year is \$680, and last year was \$615.

Again, Thank You!

Kevin A. Griffin, 32°
Commander

If you are a Veteran that has been honorably discharged from the military service and you are a member of the Valley of New Castle, you have met the requirements for membership in the Valley of New Castle Legion of Honor. The initiation fee is \$5 and the yearly dues are \$10. Petitions



Annual Stag Fish Fry

The annual Valley Fish Fry on Friday March 9, 2012 was a success with over 250 members and guests enjoying the presentation by Right Worship Brother Michael Halleran, Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, Grand Lodge of Kansas. His expertise in Civil War History was evident as he presented factual history of the Masonic Brotherhood that existed between the North and South during the Civil War. He also graciously signed copies of his two books, "The Better Angels of our Nature" and "Brother Brother's Journal." Both books are worth the time to read and enjoy. Everyone had plenty of fish to eat, and good fellowship was evident.

Mark your calendars for our next annual Fish Fry on March 8, 2013. Our speaker will be Brother Patrick Craddock. His presentation is entitled, "Admit Him if Properly Clothed: The Evolution of the Masonic Apron in America; 1740 to the Present." Brother Craddock was recommended by many Masonic Brothers as a speaker you do not want to miss hearing. He will also have a display of aprons and other regalia with him to examine.



Rotunno Scholarship Dinner March 25, 2012

The Rotunno Scholarship Dinner was held on March 25, 2012 at the Cathedral, and over 300 dinners were served to support the Rotunno Scholarship Fund to enable the Valley of New Castle to present three \$1000 scholarships to deserving students who will further their education to a college or trade school. Thank you for your support.



Servers: Lou Hill and Sherri Malizia

Pasta cookers: Parkinson and Jackson

Workers: McConnell, Cummings, Beverly, Julie

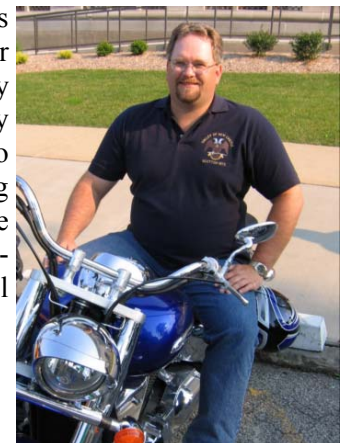


New Castle Chapter, Hiram's Scottish Riders Motorcycle Club

First, I would like to thank my fellow riders for having the confidence in me to select me as President for this year. With your help and support, I believe we can make this the best year yet. We have some very exciting rides and events planned for this year. The first being May 6th for the Blessing of the Bikes. We will be hosting bike night at the Cathedral on July 12th. We are also planning a return trip to the Fallen Biker Memorial in Hopedale, OH to honor our own fallen Brothers, and we will be hosting a poker run to benefit the Learning Center. There is room for more rides. Anyone with any ideas are encouraged to attend the next meeting. Meetings are on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in joining, please come to a meeting or email me at timraynermd@yahoo.com or call 724 654-5800.

Our long sleeved t-shirts are in and they look great! Also the new patches are available.

Timothy M. D. Rayner, 32°, President, New Castle Chapter, HSRMC



New Plastic Permanent Membership Cards

You should have received your new PERMANENT PLASTIC MEMBERSHIP CARD in the mail recently. As many are confused about the issue of the card, we would like to explain what is happening. Supreme Council has issued the membership card as an improvement service to its members. This is not a dues card, but a membership card, and it does not mean that your dues are current or paid. You should have also received a dues statement for the April 1, 2012 thru March 31, 2013 year, which are due now. You will not receive a dues card as in the past, so keep a record of your payment somewhere for future reference in the event that an error should occur with the recording of your payment in New Castle. Your membership card will admit you to the meetings of the Valley of New Castle. Following is the Supreme Council explanation:

Scottish Rite members who have not previously received a plastic Life Membership card will be receiving the new plastic permanent membership cards. We hope that our membership will find it a practical and helpful measure that will also enhance the appearance of the dues card.

In order to work on providing better service to our members, we believe that the permanent membership cards will be greatly appreciated by everyone. While we are not sure what questions might arise, the following might add some clarification:

How long will the card be valid? This should be considered a permanent membership card and will be replaced as needed. No expiration date will be shown.

What happens if a member demits or is expelled or suspended? Nothing. The member may keep the dues card. A barcode will be placed on the plastic card and the Valley could verify membership by using the reader.

What happens if a member reinstates his membership? The same card may be used again. If the member affiliates with another Valley, a new card will be issued as requested by the new Valley.

What happens if a member loses his card or if it is destroyed? The Valley Secretary can request a new card at no fee from the IS Department at Supreme Council headquarters.

How do new members receive their card? It will be requested by the Valley Secretary.

What specific information will the card display? The member's name, Lodge of Perfection Valley and Consistory if applicable and different than the Lodge Valley in which he holds membership, 32°, 33°, and/or MSA as applicable, membership number and barcode.

What if we do not have a barcode reader? The Valley Secretary can secure one from the Supreme Council Information Systems Department.

What if you already have a Life or "Perpetual" Member? These already have a permanent card and new ones will not be sent.

What if I hold plural membership? Only the member's Lodge of Perfection, Valley and Consistory Valley will be shown. A member will not be issued two cards.

Will this change a Valley's dues billing cycle? NO! Your annual dues statements will still go out per your Valley schedule without a dues card.

Is there going to be an additional charge to the Valley for this? NO!

We strongly believe that quality service to our members is the lifeblood of the Scottish Rite. Your willingness to work with us in this new project will help to guarantee such service. Thank you for being such an important part of the permanent membership card venture.

Future Stated Meetings

There will be a Stated Meeting of the Valley of New Castle on Wednesday June 20, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Chicora Masonic Center.

The Council Princes of Jerusalem will preside. A Power Point presentation will be presented on "The 200th Anniversary of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction" and what Supreme Council will provide as incentives for membership recruitment for the year-long celebration. This will be highlighted at our Open House on May 13 and the One Day Classes of Grand Lodge.

**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 15. Email: webmaster@valleyofnc.org
or mail to: AASR, Valley of New Castle, 110 E. Lincoln Ave., New Castle, PA 16101

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Your Cathedral Foundation News

Robert T. Cummings was elected President of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation at the February Meeting of the Board of Directors. He has set high goals for the Board and has stated the following:

My first three priorities are: **1) SAFETY 2) SAFETY 3) SAFETY**

Whether it's snow and ice removal from our walks and parking lots, repairing high-pressure steam lines, or simply replacing broken window panes in the lobby, all safety concerns will be quickly addressed and corrected. We want everyone coming onto our property or entering our building to be safe and secure.

My next priority is improving the **QUALITY** of our service to everyone using the Cathedral, like the following projects:

- Installing one or possibly two new Family/Handicap restrooms on our dining level is in the planning stage, which would greatly assist several of our own members and patrons.
- Procuring funding to purchase a professional quality, auditorium projector that can project a high-quality image from the booth to stage, a distance of 80 feet. Most of the stage and auditorium users utilize electronically projected imagery, so we want to accommodate them. We have rented projectors, but it is expensive at \$250.00 per day plus other additional miscellaneous charges.
- The Foundation is always looking for ways to **LOWER OUR COST OF OPERATION**. We have utilize men from our state's correctional facility in projects like the painting the Make-Up Area and Passageway. With their free labor and using donated paint, this project cost very little. Other items, however, are another story; as an example, our first snow and ice removal bill was \$6,845, and this has been a mild winter. The bid for the Family/Handicap Restrooms is \$50,000; some of the cost can be covered with grants and donations. We maintain a constant vigil to keep our cost in line with revenue.

Please help the Foundation **PROMOTE THE USE** of the Cathedral. Whether it's attending events or encouraging others to attend bingo, shows, dinners, or renting the Cathedral for weddings, conventions, lectures, meetings or special dinners.

In closing I hope to continue and expand the harmony between our Valley members and the general public using our facilities. Your Foundation board accepts the responsibility to maintain this wonderful unique building, The Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Cathedral Foundation President,
Robert T. Cummings, 32°, M.S.A.



From the Secretary's Desk

The 2012 -2013 Scottish Rite year in the Valley of New Castle is off to a great start! At the March Stated Meeting of the Valley we elected and installed new Officers to serve for the next Scottish Rite year. The new officers have been working and planning to make this a Scottish Rite year to remember.

Several events were scheduled to start the year off on the right note. We presented the silent film "Ben-Hur" at the beginning of April, and all the profits went to the organ fund to help repair the might Möller Organ, which is need of more repairs. This will be followed by 209th Reunion in the Valley of New Castle. We will start off by presenting the fourth and fourteenth Degrees on May 11, 2012 and then on May 19, 2012 we will present the 16th, 18th, 25th, 31st, 32nd, degrees and for the first time in the Valley of New Castle, we will enjoy the 26th Degree presented by members of the Valley of Coudersport. Following the 32nd Degree, we will go downstairs in the Cathedral to enjoy dinner together, so make your reservation. For those members that are in need of any of these Degree stamps in their Scottish Rite Passport now is a good time to attend this Reunion enjoy the Degrees and also enjoy the fellowship of the other members. You will also have the opportunity to meet the Deputy for the State of Pennsylvania Ill. Russell W. Baker, 33°, as he will be this Class Honoree.

A note for all that have not paid their dues: there are many ways to do that now. One is to mail it in to the office, second is to call the office with your dues notice in hand so we can get your membership number from it and we can accept your dues payment by VISA or MASTER CARD. And the third way is to go online and pay them to Supreme Council anytime of the day www.valleyofnc.org then click on resources then go to "Pay" Dues.

In the months to come you will be hearing more about the upcoming events in the Valley of New Castle. I hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Howard E. Glovier, 33°, M.S.A.
Valley Secretary



Annual Meeting March 21, 2012

The Annual Meeting of the Valley of New Castle was held on March 21, 2012 at which time the election and installation of officers occurred. The following officers were elected and installed by Illustrious Brother William L. McCarrier, Active Member of Supreme Council in an open installation.

New Officers being installed with Illustrious Brother William H. Donley, Installing Marshall.



New Castle Consistory S.P.R.S.:

Keith E. Parkinson- Second Lt. Commander
George F. Morrow- Commander in Chief
Charles R. Terwilliger- First Lt. Commander



New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix:

Donald W. Mason-Orator
John K. Schwarz-Senior Warden
Glenn R. Krugle, Jr.-Junior Warden
James G. Camp, III-Most Wise Master
Cory W. Mason-Master of Ceremonies



New Castle Council Princes of Jerusalem:

Joseph E. Stahlman, Jr.-High Priest
Ronald C. Davies-Sovereign Prince
Gordon E. Hensel-Senior Warden
Walter R. Donaldson-Junior Warden



New Castle Lodge of Perfection:

Shane F. Connor-Senior Warden
Jeffrey P. Jackson-Thrice Potent Master
Timothy M. D. Rayner-Deputy Master

A buffet dinner was served before the Meeting to honor all the current and past officers.



The Past Presiding officers of the Valley of New Castle

The Past Presiding Officers were honored, and those present were recognized for their service to the Valley of New Castle. Six Past Commanders in Chief were present: William L. McCarrier, David J. Smith, William H. Donley, Fred J. Livingston, Richard B. Meredith, and Jeffrey J. Heasley.

Fifteen Past Most Wise Masters were present: Albert A. Grossman, Harold E. McWhertor, William H. Donley, Donald R. Weigel, Charles E. Cranmer, Richard B. Meredith, Richard J. Fair, Sr., S. Robert Marziano, George F. Morrow, Joseph S. Berringer, Nicholas Vaccarello, Martin J. Sinclair, Jeffrey P. Jackson, Keith E. Parkinson and Lloyd G. Ward.

Twelve Past Sovereign Princes were present: Stanley A. McCollough, Harvey B. McNabb, Louis H. Hill, Robert L. Kennedy, Charles E. Cranmer, George F. Wollaston, Richard K. Sbarro, Jeffrey J. Heasley, Keith A. McKnight, Charles R. Terwilliger, Russell H. Moore, Jr., and Edward Scott.

Five Past Thrice Potent Masters were present: Dale D. McConnell, Frank C. Davidson, Levi R. Harding, III, Kevin A. Griffin, and Scott A. Tressler.



Builder Council Member Recognized

Illustrious Brother David J. Smith, 33°, MSA and his wife, Glenda, were honored with a Gold Builders Council tie and scarf for their generous donation to the Children’s Dyslexia Learning Center. Illustrious Brother William L. McCarrier, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, presented the gift on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Commander Illustrious Brother John William McNaughton, 33°.

Glenda Smith, David J. Smith and William L. McCarrier

The new Valley of New Caster officers elected and appointed for the 2012-13 Scottish Rite Year are as follows:

Lodge of Perfection

Thrice Potent Master Jeffrey P. Jackson
 Deputy Master Timothy M.D. Rayner
 Senior Warden Shane F. Connor
 Junior Warden Mark A. Dinus
 Orator Craig A. Negley, Sr.
 Master of Ceremonies Levi R. Harding, III
 Captain of the Guard Kevin L. Thompson

Council Princes of Jerusalem

Sovereign Prince Ronald C. Davies
 High Priest Joseph E. Stahlman, Jr.
 Senior Warden Gordon E. Hensel
 Junior Warden Walter R. Donalson
 Master of Ceremonies
 Master of Entrances Arthur L. Eshbaugh

Consistory

Commander in Chief George F. Morrow
 1st Lt. Commander Charles R. Terwilliger
 2nd Lt. Commander Keith E. Parkinson
 Orator S. Robert Marziano
 Chancellor Jeffrey P. Jackson
 Engineer & Seneschal Albert A. Grossman
 Standard Bearer Mark E. Viertel
 Color Bearer Mark A. Lewis
 Master of Ceremonies Mark R. Nord
 Captain of the Guard Kevin A. Griffin

Chapter of Rose Croix

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

All Four Scottish Rite Bodies

Treasurer	Charles E. Cranmer, Jr.	Trustee	Nicholas Vaccarello
Secretary	Howard E. Glovier	Trustee	Coy R. Price
Hospitaler	Levi R. Harding, III	Trustee	Richard B. Meredith
Tyler	Howard D. Matthews	Trustee, Secretary	Harold E. McWhertor
Chairman, Food Com.	Louis H. Hill, Jr.	Trustee, Chairman	S. Robert Marziano
Co Chairman, Food	Michael R. Matis		

Everyone looks forward to the new Scottish Rite year in the Valley of New Castle. Our next stated meeting will be held in Chicora on June 20, 2012 at 7:30 PM. The program will be the Supreme Council’s 200th Anniversary Celebration of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

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Valley of New Castle Schedule of Events

May 11	Spring Reunion Begins - 4°, 14°	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	6 pm
May 13	Open House	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	1-7 pm
May 19	Spring Reunion Concludes - 16°, 18°, 26°, 25°, 32°, 31°	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	9:30 am
June 15	Grand Chapter - <i>Joint Banquet with Grand Lodge 4:30 pm</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	2 pm
June 16	Grand Lodge	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	10 am
June 20	Stated Meeting - <i>Princes of Jerusalem</i>	Chicora	7:30 pm
June 29	Meeting in the Hills	Dawson, PA	6 pm
July 1	Patriotic Organ Concert	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	3 pm
July 12	Bike Night for Dyslexia	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	6 pm
July 14	PA Council of Deliberation	Hershey, PA	TBA
July 23	7th Annual Golf Scramble <i>- Benefits the Dyslexia Learning Center</i>	Oak Tree Country Club <i>West Middlesex, PA</i>	10:30 am
August 8	Annual Stag Steak Fry	Tall Cedars Coffee Grounds	6:30 pm
September 11	Pennsylvania/Ohio Brotherhood Night	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
October 6	WALK/RUN for Dyslexia	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	TBA
October 17	Stated Meeting - <i>Lodge of Perfection</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
October 19	Dracula Silent Film - <i>Organist Dennis James</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
October 27	Oktoberfest - <i>Lodge of Perfection</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	6 pm
December 15	Christmas Party with Legion of Honor	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	1-5 pm

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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